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## AIR MISHAP KILLS 23

### CPA Dakota Crashes In Fog In City Outskirts FLIGHT FROM MANILA

Nineteen passengers—all Chinese and including three children—and four European crew were killed in an air crash on the island of Hong Kong yesterday.

The plane, a CPA Dakota belonging to the Cathay Pacific Airways, crashed into a ravine on the South West side of Braemar Reservoir, about five miles from the centre of the city.

The crew were Captain J. C. Paish, First Officer A. Campbell, Radio Operator N. W. F. Moore, and Flight Hostess O. Batley.

Up to late last night nine bodies were found. These were not removed pending an official investigation today by the Director of Civil Aviation, Mr. A. J. R. Moss, in conjunction with the Police.

In the meantime, police guards are keeping a 24-hour watch on the scene.

The plane, on a scheduled flight from Manila, was making an approach to land at Kai Tak when it crashed in heavy mist on the edge of the reservoir on a hill opposite the Commercial Press Works, King's Road.

This was the second air tragedy in Hong Kong in about two months. A CNAC plane crashed—also in fog—on Basalt Island on December 21 with a loss of 35 lives.

Inspector Darkin, Inspector Wheeler and Detective Inspector Sykes and a party of constables were the first search party to locate the plane after it was reported to have crashed.

Inspector Darkin and his party from Eastern Police Station found the wreckage burning furiously in a small ravine on the South West side of Braemar Reservoir which belongs to Talkoo Docks.

The body of the plane had telescoped into a heap of wreckage with part of the tail, devoid of elevators, sticking up.

The telescoped body burned so furiously that the undergrowth on the sides of the ravine caught fire.

The damaged wings of the plane, untouched by the fire, were on both sides of the burning mass—the right wing hanging above the water's edge and the left wing resting on the side of the ravine.

#### Rescue Impossible

One of the wheels was lying in the water under the right wing. The other wheel was on the hillside just behind the left wing. When the first police party reached the wreck, members of the party were not able to get near the burning plane because of the intense heat. It was impossible to make any attempt to rescue survivors if there had been any.

A number of explosions occurred in the wreckage which burned for more than three hours. The police threw a cordon round the area, and for a time Press representatives who turned up late were not allowed to view the wreck.

Mr. A. J. R. Moss, Director of Civil Aviation, also visited the area for an official inspection and investigation.

First report of the crash came from Mr. A. J. Cash, Waterworks Inspector. He telephoned the police that after seeing a plane low in the reservoir area flying due South, he heard the engines cut off suddenly, followed by a crash.

Search parties from Bay View Station and Eastern Station were sent out immediately. The wreckage was located by Inspector Darkin, Inspector Wheeler and Detective Inspector Sykes within half an hour.

#### Crashing Sound

Interviewed by the "China Mail" occupants of hillside-shacks below the reservoir said they heard the plane flying very low over the area. Suddenly there was a crashing sound.

They did not see the plane. The ceiling was low at the time. There was also a heavy mist on the hills.

While climbing up the hill, a "China Mail" reporter found parts of the plane's elevators and tail near the top, beyond which was the reservoir.

There were also signs on the hillside of the plane's undercarriage having sheared off the tops of young pine trees in its climb up the slope: to avoid crashing into the hill.

Blinded by patches of fog while making an approach to the airfield, the pilot, apparently, suddenly found a hill in front.

It is believed he probably put the plane into a climb and just managed to clear the top after shearing off the tops of bushes and young pine trees which tore off parts of the tail elevators.



Miss Olive Batley, one of the victims of the CPA crash, was the 24-year-old flight hostess of the ill-fated Dakota.

Unable to climb any further because of damaged elevators, the pilot was apparently making an attempt to land the plane on the water when he crashed into the ravine.

#### Heavy Mist

A heavy mist hung over the reservoir at the time visibility being only about 30 yards. The ravine apparently was not seen until it was too late.

An official statement issued by Cathay Pacific Airways said: "Cathay Pacific Airways' C-47 VR-HDG crashed near the Braemar Reservoir at 11.30 a.m. local time when carrying out normal approach procedure prior to landing at Kai Tak.

"At that time there were patches of fog. The aircraft was operating Manila-Hong Kong on a normal flight schedule carrying a crew of four and 19 Chinese passengers. Investigations are being undertaken by the Department of Civil Aviation and Cathay Pacific Airways.

#### Yugoslavia Offers Compromise

London, February 24. Yugoslavia today offered a compromise on its territorial and reparations claims on Austria but the United States, Britain and France immediately objected that Yugoslavia had not backed down enough.

Today, Mr. Bebler requested this new four-point programme: 1. Alteration of the Austrian frontier in favour of Yugoslavia, the exact line to be determined by a later compromise.

2. Political, economic and cultural autonomy for part of Carinthia which is populated primarily by Slovenes, but not to be given outright to Yugoslavia.

3. Substantial reparations.

4. A guarantee of the rights of Slovenes and Croats, through out Austria—United Press.

#### RAAF Pilot

First Officer A. Campbell, educated in Australia, came from Sydney. He was a 29-year-old bachelor. He saw service during the war as a pilot of the Royal Australian Air Force. He had been in Hong Kong for about seven months. His parents are at Sydney.

The 30-year-old radio operator, Mr. N. W. F. Moore, was educated in London. He was a radio operator with the RAF during the war.

Miss Olive "Dolores" Batley, 24-year-old flight hostess of the ill-fated plane, left the Colony for Manila on Wednesday morning. Formerly a student of the Italian Convent, Hong Kong, she was a star vocal artiste at the Ritz Garden with Eddie Guzman and His Orchestra before joining CPA, about a year ago. She was then popularly known as "Dolores".

One of the three "Flying sisters" of Hong Kong, she was partly educated here and at Shanghai.

#### Youngest Sister

Her father was formerly of the Chinese Maritime Customs.

Surviving her are her mother, sisters Edith of the BOAC and Mary of the TAA.

Miss Batley was the youngest of the four sisters, one of whom is now in Australia.

The 19 Chinese passengers were said to have been bound for Swatow.

The Hong Kong Office said that they had not received any advice regarding any valuable cargo aboard.

They stated that it was one of the normal passenger lifts to the Colony from Manila.

#### Passenger List

According to United Press, the passengers included 12 persons from Manila, four from Cebu and three from Misamis. Two of the passengers were women.

The passenger list follows: Tan Shau-lin, Cua Son-lee, Bin Eng, Jose San, Ang Cho-poo, Yu Eng-how, Uy Hong, Tan Hui, Ong Lok, Tan How, Chan Ka, Antero Cua-ail of Manila, Nilda Juan, Juan Glok Su, Bio Tee, Jose Juan (all of Cebu), Go Tian-ping, Cua Guat and Ty Tiao-pack (all of Misamis).

CPA said it was the first fatal crash in the history of the airline, which was founded in 1946. The plane was insured against accident by Lloyd's of London.

#### Deputy Premier In Nanking, Optimistic

Nanking, February 24. The Deputy Prime Minister, General Wu Te-chen, returned here today from Canton in what was considered probably the first step in bridging the gap between Nanking and the South China city.

General Wu told waiting reporters at the airport that Premier Sun Fo also Wu return here in three or four days.

The Deputy Premier appeared to be in high spirits and told reporters that he was optimistic.

#### Red Leaders See Envoys

San Francisco, February 24. The Communist Party Chairman, Mr. Mao Tse-tung and General Chou En-lai received Yen Hui-shing, Shao Li-tao, Chang Shih and Chiang Yung, who visited Peiping in a private capacity, in Shihohsiachuang today at Communist North Shensi broadcast said tonight.

The broadcast said opinions on peace talks restoration of navigation and mail service were widely exchanged. It added the four visitors flew back to Peiping on the same day after the talk—Associated Press.

Porters: "Prospects for peace are good, but continued effort is necessary."

Answering questions from waiting reporters in the airfield, General Wu also made the following points:

1. There is no rift between Acting President Li Tsung-jen and Premier Sun Fo. He said when President Li was in Canton recently the two talked in a very harmonious manner.

2. Canton legislators are not opposed to the Legislative Yuan meeting in Nanking and are not insisting on it meeting in Canton.

3. The Government's new request for American aid in for internal economic and not military assistance for the months April to June.

4. Mr. Chung Tien-hsin, Government peace delegate and Minister of Water Conservancy, did not represent the Government when he went to Hong Kong recently to talk with Communist representatives there.

5. Cabinet meetings would still be held in Canton but important cabinet members would shuttle between Nanking and Canton whenever necessary. General Wu said this fits in exactly with President Li's attitude that political ministers should stay here and administrative ministers may move to Canton.—United Press.

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### Jews, Egyptians Sign Armistice; Other Arab Nations May Follow

Rhodes, February 24.

Israel and Egypt signed the historic Palestine armistice today and six other Arab states immediately joined the movement for permanent peace in the strife-torn Holy Land.

Iraq and Saudi Arabia announced they will accept any agreements reached between other Arab states and Israel. Simultaneous discussions with Transjordan and the Lebanon will start next week.

Informed sources said Syria will be bound by the Lebanese agreement and Yemen by the Egyptian agreement.

To all intents and purposes the Holy Land warfare, which raged sporadically since Biblical times, ended last night amidst the popping of champagne corks as Israelis and Egyptians celebrated the end of their difficult negotiations.

The actual signing ceremony at 10.30 a.m. GMT in the Yellow Room of Hotel Des Roses was the anti-climax to the celebration last night in the same room.

The terms of the historic armistice provided for virtual demilitarisation of the Negev desert

region in Southern Palestine. The agreement is tantamount to de facto recognition of Israel by Egypt. The agreement avoided any reference to the state of Israel, but the preamble stated the delegations were the representatives of their governments.

Observers agreed that the armistice, although purely a military agreement, laid the foundation for permanent peace in the Holy Land. Its terms are so worded that neither side emerged as the victor or vanquished.

The highly successful character of the armistice started an immediate Arab movement to join with Egypt in reaching an accord with the Israeli state. Iraq informed Dr. Ralph Bunche, Acting United Nations Mediator, that any agreement between the Arab states touching on Palestine would be acceptable to Iraq.

#### To Go Along

Saudi Arabia, asked to join the Rhodes talks, replied that its Government saw no reason for a separate truce and would go along with any action adopted by other Arab League states.

Israel desire to complete negotiations with the Lebanon before completing those with Transjordan worked out in a compromise last night, according to reliable sources. These sources said the Lebanese delegation will come to Rhodes immediately and separate Lebanon-Israeli discussions will be held simultaneously.

Dr. Bunche agreed that the Israeli-Lebanese problems probably would be settled easily and, therefore, an agreement undoubtedly would be reached before the more difficult Israeli-Transjordan problems are worked out.

Israelis and Egyptians ended their war last night when both sides joked and fraternised at a champagne party celebration in the Yellow Room. Jews, Egyptians, correspondents and members of Dr. Bunche's staff mingled together and chatted as if they were on holiday and as if no war ever existed between them.

In one corner sat Egypt's chief of staff, Colonel Sel Ed Din and the Israeli commander, Colonel Yigdal Padin, discussing various moves in their war in the Negev as if it had been a football game.

Pretty Irene Broza, secretary of the Israeli Foreign Minister, was the central figure in a small group that included Egyptian colonels, American Marines and British cavalry men.

Dr. Bunche, American negro, who alone more than any other single person is considered responsible for the successful conclusion of the armistice, moved from one group to another as if he hardly was able to believe his eyes.

When some one commented that the armistice succeeded in extracting the maximum concessions from both sides, he replied: "I know it. I am just as surprised as anyone."—United Press.

### Fog Shrouds Hong Kong

The harbour resounded with the blasts of fog-horns throughout most of yesterday as craft groped their way through the fog enveloping the Colony.

Early harbour crossers could hardly see the island as they crossed over from Kowloon.

Hazy shapes loomed ahead as the ferry launches approached, betrayed the presence of ships lying in mid-stream.

Eight ships are still reported to be delayed outside the harbour by fog. They include the Saigola, Spemil, Rijnkerk, Tsinan, Heikou, Empire Farrar, Cyclops and Hal Yang.

Visibility off Waglan was said to be within 100 yards.

#### THE WEATHER

At 6660 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) the anti-cyclone is moving into the Pacific to the East of Japan. Pressure is moderately high over N. China. A depression, which developed over the lower Yangtze is now centred to the NE of Shanghai, moving NE. Deepening from it, a trough extends across S. China to an area of low pressure over Yunnan and Indo-China.

Today's Forecast:—Light Easterly winds probably lessening from NE later. Cloudy with rain from morning fog. Some rain or drizzle.

Yesterday's Weather:—Maximum: 70.1 deg. Fah. Minimum: 61.3 deg. Fah. Rainfall: 1.4 hours.

Forecast:—Total since Jan. 1—171.9 mm.—5.04 ins. as against an average of 72.8 mm.—2.87 ins. Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m.

Dew Point: 101.5 101.3 r.h. Equals 28.99 29.86 inches.

Rel. Humidity: 99 99 %

Wind: Direction: N 30 deg. W. Force: 14 18 knots.

Clouds: 1000 31.

High: 2007 2007

Low: 2017 2017

### Free Gold, Silver Mart Authorised As Govt Releases Fiscal Reforms

Canton, February 24.

The Finance Minister, Mr. Hsu Kan, today announced new financial and economic reforms authorising a free market in gold and silver, budgetary reforms and a revised tax system.

The measures will be effective as soon as they are promulgated by Acting President Li Tsung-jen.

The new measures are:

1. To permit a free market in gold and silver, with sales of bullion by the Central Bank whenever necessary to stabilise the market. The circulation and minting by the Government of silver dollars will be permitted, although the circulation of foreign currencies still will be banned.
2. A system of foreign exchange certificates will be established, in which the certificates will be freely transferable from one importer to another. They will be in Gold Yuan denominations, although the value in terms of foreign currency will be revised from time to time, in accordance with announcements from the Central Bank.
3. New fiscal measures, in which the National Budget will be estimated in terms of silver dollars, commodities and foreign exchange. The tax system will be revised to permit the payment in kind of commodity taxes. Provincial and local governments will be permitted to retain a larger share of tax-revenues in order to lessen the subsidy paid by the National Government.
4. The basic currency will still be the Gold Yuan, but the Government hopes to stabilise the value through sales of gold and silver. Fiatlike prices will be fixed for imports to encourage imports and prohibitions against certain commodities will remain in force.
5. The Customs Yuan may not be bought for Gold Yuan, but must be paid for in gold, silver, foreign exchange or foreign exchange certificates issued through the Central Bank.
6. The amount of foreign currency which may be brought into China is raised from the equivalent of U.S.\$100 to the equivalent of U.S.\$500. In addition, two ounces of gold in the form of ornaments or 20 ounces of silver in the form of ornaments may be brought in—United Press.

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## Mauritius Chinese Gets Gaol Term For Robbery

A sentence of two and half years' hard labour and nine strokes of the cane was meted out to Cheung San-sang, 17-year-old unemployed, by Mr. Justice Williams (Puisne Judge) at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, when a jury of five men and two women returned a verdict of guilty.

Also found guilty at the same trial was a young lad of about 16 years, who together with Cheung was charged with having committed robbery with violence.

## Seven Years For Armed Robbery

Found guilty on charges of armed robbery and causing malicious injury, Yau Kam, alias Lui Sheung, was sentenced to seven years' hard labour and 10 strokes by Mr. Justice Williams (Puisne Judge) at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Lui Wai-kiu, the accused's 18-year-old sister, who was similarly charged together with him, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment. On the charge of armed robbery, however, she was found not guilty.

Mr. A. Houston, Crown Counsel, conducted the case for the prosecution, assisted by Detective Inspector R.F.G. White.

The offences were committed near the Chinese frontier on December 6, when a Chinese Revenue Officer, Yeung Leung, was attacked and robbed of his 38 revolver.

After Yau Kam had been found guilty by the jury, Mr. Houston said that accused had been sentenced to three years' hard labour on August 19, 1940 and recommended for banishment when found guilty on a charge of possession of arms and ammunition. Yau was banished for life on October 5, 1940.

Lui Wai-kiu protested innocence and burst into tears when the sentence was passed on her.

## Three Gold Bars, Coins Ordered Confiscated

Three gold bars, weighing 2.4 taels, and 19 one-tael coins with a total weight of six taels, were ordered by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday to be confiscated.

The tala coins, explained Revenue Inspector D. H. Knox, are, in reality, Indian bullion as these coins are not legal currency in India. They are made of pure gold.

The gold belonged to Lung Tze-jung, 36-year-old married woman, who arrived by CNAC plane with her three children on February 23. At the airport, she was asked by Female Revenue Officer 93 whether she had anything to declare, and produced nine coins and two bars from her dress pocket.

On being searched, another gold bar was found in her hand bag. One of her two daughters, Lung Jung-tau, was also searched and found to have 10 coins in her purse. The total value of the gold found was \$2,520.

## Three-Way Dispute At Kowloon

A disorderly conduct case before Mr. A. D. Scholes at Kowloon yesterday, brought up a three-way dispute.

The Police were the complainants against J.R. Baleros, a Portuguese aged 30, and Tsang Jor-ming, aged 27, for disorderly conduct on a bus.

The two defendants disputed as to who first began the incident. Tsang was defended by Mr. P.L. Lam; Baleros conducted his own case.

The incident occurred on February 12 in bus when Tsang brushed against Baleros who was holding a cigarette.

Baleros said that he instinctively pushed Tsang away as the cigarette burnt his fingers. This resulted in argument and a fight was the climax. Yesterday, both defendants sought to show that the other struck first.

In summing up, Mr. A.D. Scholes said that both defendants had admitted to the charge of fighting, and have therefore broken public peace. In court both defendants were fined \$40 each. Inspector J. Orem represented the Police.

R.J. MacKenzie, of 71 MacDonnell Road, was fined \$15 by Mr. W.C. Hung and Mrs. Tsung Tso Lai-ki at Central yesterday, both leaving his car No. 1804 unattended at Queen's Road Central near Wellington Street on December 12.

Chung, a husky and stockily-built youth claiming to be from Mauritius, took the sentence with a set expression. The second accused, baby-faced and delicate looking, began to sob when the court sentenced him to two years in the reformatory and six strokes of the cane.

The second accused's mother, standing nearby, also burst into tears, and was told by Mr. Justice Williams that her son would not be sent to prison, but to a reformatory where he would be taught useful things.

### School Chuns

According to the Prosecution, the first accused and the complainant, Tsang Gon, who had been schoolmates, made an appointment between themselves on October 18 last year. The meeting was to take place on the evening of October 20.

Tsang was working at the Nam Kok Bookstore at 579 Nathan Road. As arranged, the two met on that day and went for a meal and had second accused join them.

The three then took a bus which brought them to the junction of Customs Pass Road and Clear Water Bay Road. There they got off. Cheung was then alleged to have put his arms round Tsang's neck and held him, while the second accused, it was alleged, slipped behind complainant and removed HK\$120 from his hip pocket.

Tsang eventually managed to break away. While he was running away, the second accused is alleged to have thrown stones at him, one of which struck him just behind his left ear and inflicted a wound.

Cheung in his own defence in the witness stand denied having taken any money from complainant. He stated that after getting off from the bus, they had a walk followed by an argument and complainant wanted to put up a fight. Tsang was finally pursued by him and his companion. Accused admitted throwing some stones at Tsang while he was running away.

Crown Counsel, Mr. A. Houston, conducted the prosecution assisted by Detective Inspector D.H. Davies. Both accused were not legally represented.

## Prisoner Lucky, Judge Says

Remarking to the prisoner that he was very lucky, Mr. Justice Reynolds (Additional Judge) discharged Lo Chun-fuk, 20-year-old rattle worker, after he had been acquitted by a jury of four men and three women at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

As he thanked the jury, Mr. Reynolds also voiced the opinion that the verdict did not, however, agree with him.

Lo had been charged with wounding his employer, Chong Woon-lun, with intent to cause bodily harm. The offence was alleged to have been committed on October 13 last year at 135, Kiu Kiang Street, Shamshui, where the complainant is engaged in rubber manufacturing business.

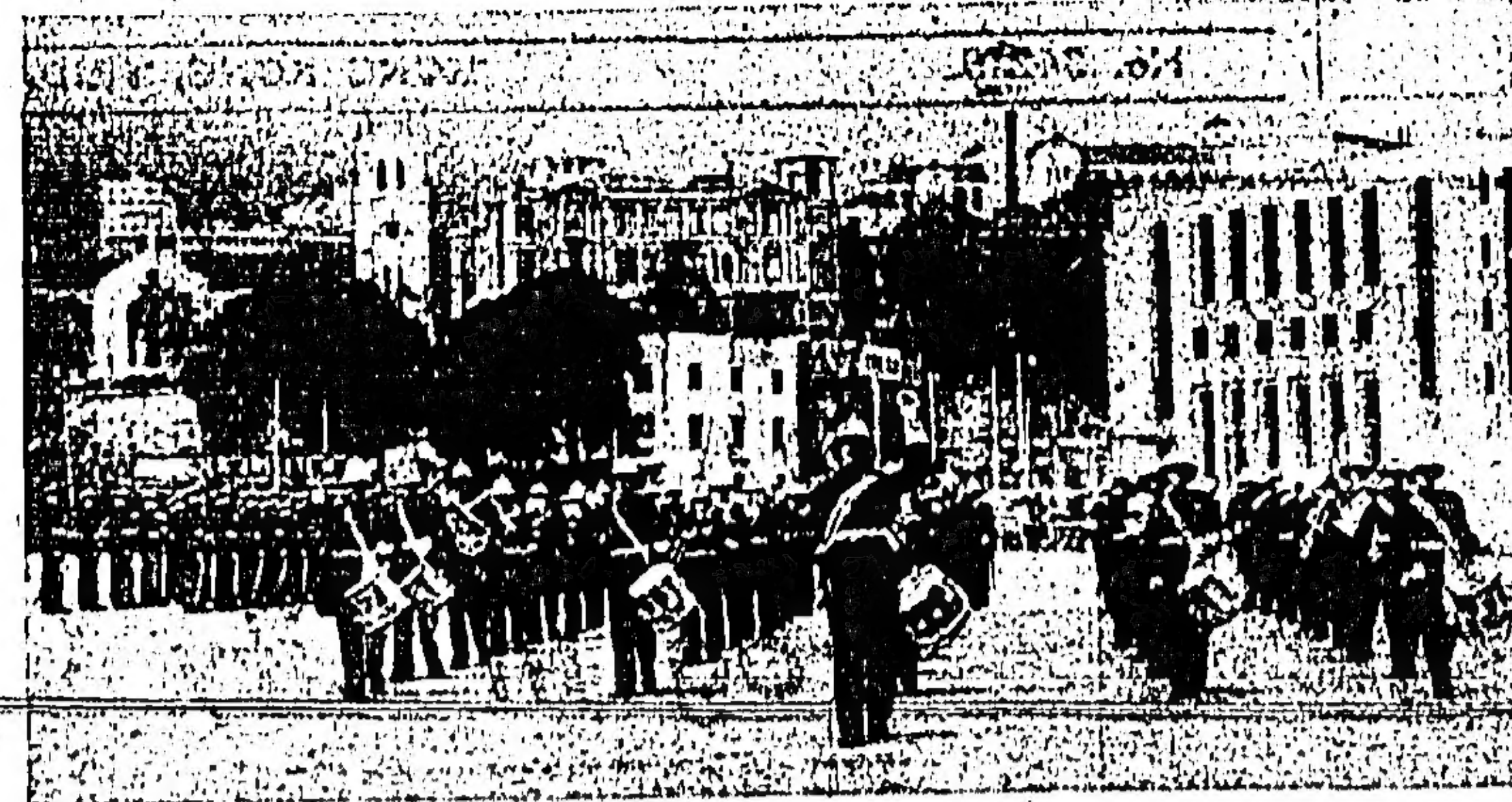
According to the prosecution, Lo attacked Chong early in the morning with a chopper while all were asleep and wounded him in the chin. At his cry of alarm, which roused the other occupants, the accused was alleged to have jumped over the veranda into the street, where he was eventually found unconscious. Beside him were an electric torch and a chopper.

## Charged With Larceny

A small wax doll on a stick formed the only exhibit when Ngai Kwai-chung, aged 17, was charged with larceny before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans said that the doll was one of many which formed the stock-in-trade of a hawkler who was arrested by PC 701 during a hawkers raid in Nga Tsin Wan Road on the morning of February 23.

As the hawkler was being led away by the police van, a number of boys, including defendant, rushed the hawkler and snatched the toys away. They all ran off, with the exception of Ngai, who was caught by PC 701. Defendant was ordered to receive 12 strokes of the cane.



A large crowd at the Hong Kong Cricket Club Ground, watched the ceremony of Beating the Retreat by the Marine Band of HMS London, yesterday afternoon. Two units of 24 marines each from the two cruisers in port, took part in the ceremony.

## Hard Labour Sentence For Thief

A thief who specialised in climbing over back walls and opening rear doors of ground floor flats was sentenced to two years and six months' hard labour by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Lo Ching, aged 27, was stated by Sub-Inspector J.H. Evans to have climbed over a back wall at 23 Kilung Street, ground floor, at 2.30 a.m. on New Year's Day.

Getting into the back yard, Lo and another man made a hole in the back door and opened it by drawing the bolt. They then stole a radio set, a wristwatch, two fountain-pens, a pair of shoes, and 12 pieces of clothing from Tian Tung and Chau Tung, the occupants of the ground floor.

The burglars left by the back yard door, and nothing was heard about them until 0.30 p.m. on February 17, when Lo was arrested by Detective-constable 520 on Mong Kok Road near Shanghai Street.

At the Mong Kok Police Station, Lo was found to be in possession of a pair of shoes, two fountain-pens and a sweater.

### Society Member

During inquiries, it was learned that defendant was a member of the Wo On Lok Society. On being questioned, he admitted having been a member of more than two years.

Detective Sub-Inspector Fung also discovered that defendant was responsible for a burglary at 576 Reclamation Street, ground floor, at 2.30 a.m. on February 9.

On that occasion, accused also climbed over the back wall. He then removed a pane of glass from the back window and, inserting his hand through the hole, took a pair of trousers and a pullover belonging to Kong Yan. This crime, said SI Evans, was not reported to the police.

The total value of the property stolen from the two addresses was \$109, of which only \$40 worth has been recovered.

## RAW OPIUM CONFISCATED

Among his possessions when he arrived at the Kowloon Canton Railway Station on Wednesday, Lam Kwai, aged 33, had 100 lbs of raw opium.

On a charge of possessing raw opium, the defendant was fined \$2,000 or six months' imprisonment by Mr. A. D. Scholes at Kowloon yesterday.

Revenue Inspector Douglas Knox was in charge of the case for the Import and Export Office by which the opium will be confiscated for destruction.

## Gang Of Youths Gets Prison For Pilfering

The systematic pilfering of small huts in the Kowloon City area by a gang of three youths was put to a sudden stop through the vigilance of Police-constable 1794, it was revealed in Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr's court at Kowloon yesterday.

Before the court were Chau Kan-cheong, aged 21, Chau Chat and Chau Ming-kong, both aged 18, charged on four counts of larceny between February 20 and 22. The first and third accused had an additional charge of larceny on February 19.

The first two Chaus were sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended for banishment. Chau Ming-kong was also given six months' hard labour and ordered to be deported for life.

Detective Sub-Inspector D.H. Taylor said that at 3.30 p.m. on February 22, PC 1794 was on duty on Chatham Road when he saw the three youths approaching from the direction of Kowloon City.

Being suspicious of the leather suitcase they were carrying, he decided to stop and search them. When the suitcase was opened, it was found to contain 30 pieces of clothing which the accused admitted having stolen from an unnumbered hut somewhere in Kowloon City the same day.

At the police station they were searched and a number of pawn tickets relating to clothing were found on them. Questioned, they said that the clothes were stolen from unnumbered huts on Tsim Kiang Road, So Uk Village, Lai Chi Yuen Village, and other places in Kowloon City. The total value was \$155.

## System Evidence Would Prejudice Court

"Surely you must prove the case to my satisfaction. At this stage, you cannot call system evidence, because that would prejudice the Court," said Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday when Mr. R. Woodhead, ASP asked permission to bring in system evidence.

The case was against four men who are alleged to have conspired to obtain HK\$20,000 fraudulently from Yau Cheng Hwa.

At the first hearing of the case on September 23 last, the prosecution stated that Yau, the complainant, was an officer in the Chinese Army and had been in the Colony for about one and a half years working for the Chinese Government.

On August 9 last, a man named Ma, known as a broker, visited him and asked him to go to the Gloucester Lounge to meet some friends of his to talk business, as it was known that he would be going to America.

At the Gloucester Lounge the next day, Yau was introduced to two men, who said that they were managers of the Luen Fat Lung Company. On the following day, Yau was taken to 142 Connaught Road Central, first floor, where he met another three men.

### Promise Made

The men proposed to make Yau their agent in America, promising him 10 per cent of the net profit, and arranged to have Yau meet the financier of the company, a Mr. George Wong.

Wong was said to be a multi-millionaire and to have made a great impression on Yau when he was later introduced. The other men said that Wong had the reputation of being a reckless gambler and only the night before had lost HK\$400,000. They suggested to cure him of this bad habit by cheating him out of all his money in gambling and then returning it to him with a "good lecture".

### Game Arranged

The game was accordingly arranged. Yau put up HK\$20,000 while the other man subscribed another HK\$20,000.

For the first nine games, Yau won. At the tenth game, Wong made a clean sweep of everything and left with his winnings.

When Yau failed to get back his money, he reported to the police.

Before calling his last witness, Mr. Woodhead proposed to call evidence to show system, whereupon Mr. da Silva, counsel for all four defendants, Yip Euk-chung, alias Yip Puk-san, Lee Chung, Tong Min-kin and Yip Ying-ho, objected on the grounds that system evidence can only be called to rebut.

Quoting Philipson, Mr. da Silva said that in a case where a person was accused of receiving stolen property from another, evidence that he had in the preceding 12 months received stolen property from the same man was held to be inadmissible.

After evidence of the arrest was given by Sub-Inspector Wong Siu-chung, further hearing was adjourned to April 19.

## Expulsion No Deterrent To Youth

Expulsion and banishment apparently held no terror, nor acted as a deterrent, for a 15-year-old native of Sun Wai who, at Kowloon yesterday, was brought before a Juvenile Court for the eighth time since August, 1947.

The lad, said Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans, was arrested by a constable at 7.30 p.m. on February 22 in Pukhol Street near Nathan Road, on suspicion of being a returned banished person.

His records showed that he was expelled on August 30, 1947, for mendacity. Between January 14 and February 20 last year, he was re-expelled three times by the Hong Kong Juvenile Court for being a destitute.

On June 17 (last year) he was ordered to receive three strokes and to be re-expelled for mendacity and breach of his expulsion order. Four months later he was again charged before the Kowloon Juvenile Court and once more ordered to be re-expelled.

He was back on January 22 last in Kowloon, and ordered to receive 10 strokes and recommended to be banished for life. He was deported two days later.

When he was arrested on February 22, he entered the police, "I return to Hong Kong to become a shoeblick".

Yesterday, he was ordered to receive 10 strokes of the cane and to be detained for a month in the juvenile section of the prison pending deportation proceedings.

## FISHING JUNK BLOWS UP

A fishing junk said to be carrying explosives blew up yesterday, killing six of its occupants and injuring four persons, as she was lying alongside the Aberdeen Ferry.

The cause of the sudden explosion is still undetermined. The dead included the master's wife, a folk and four grandchildren. One of the injured was a pedestrian who had one of his hands blown off. The rest included the 51-year-old master, Chan Tai-ke, his son and daughter-in-law.

The bodies of the victims were recovered from the water shortly after the blow up.

The junk was seriously damaged. A fisherman was hit on the last day by a stray bullet near the Kiu Tau district near the border yesterday.

It was discovered later that there was a gun duel between the Customs officers and a gang of smugglers near the spot.

## Policeman Sentenced For Assault

Convicted on the charge of assaulting and unlawfully detaining Sun Yuen on January 13, PC 1521 Leung Kwok-lai, aged 20, attached to Shamshui Police Station, was fined \$750, or four months' hard labour, by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

On the application of Mr. C. A. Sutherland, Barrister, the alternative sentence, was made to date from defendant's arrest on January 13. According to the prosecution, conducted by Detective Sub-Inspector A. Leslie, defendant went into the hut of Sun Yuen, at Sai Yee Street about 9 p.m. on the day in question, and emerged about 10 minutes later with Sun handcuffed on the left wrist.

Sun, who has since disappeared, was brought along Sai Yee Street to Mong Kok Road. About half an hour later, Sun returned to the hut, alone, with his left wrist still handcuffed. The other ring of the handcuffs was dangling down on the chain.

### Charge Denied

Defendant, in evidence, denied the charge and said that he had never been in Sun's hut that night. The reason why Crown witnesses testified against him, and identified him at a parade held on January 14, was that they thought he was responsible for an opium divan raid at Sun's hut some time ago.

Accused added that he had personally warned Sun and Ho Tak-po, the master of the Mai Sang store at 128 Tung Choi Street, that he would not tolerate opium smoking in the huts opposite his house.

In reply to DSI Leslie, defendant said that the reason why he did not report the fact that he admitted being an opium divan keeper was that he did not have sufficient evidence. He could tell me that it was a murder," said accused.

DSI Leslie revealed that defendant joined the police on July 2, 1946, and was commended in March last year for the arrest of a lorry thief at Shinaukok. He was also rewarded in September last for the arrest of an illicit still operator.

## Boy Convicted For Stealing Police Jacket

A seventeen-year-old boy was convicted at Kowloon yesterday for stealing a police officer's jacket at King's Park on January 9 while the owner was engaged in a game of hockey on the Navy ground.

The case came before Mr. A. D. Scholes in which the prosecution was conducted by Inspector J. Orem. The defendant was Leung Wing.

Inspector Charles Blackburn testified that he left a great coat and a leather jacket in his car before proceeding with his game. When he returned to the car, he found the rear left window removed and his coat and jacket gone.

Police enquiries resulted in the arrest of the defendant who had been previously convicted on two charges last year.

Fingerprints on the glass window were found by Sub-Inspector A. Morrison, of the CID, and fingerprint expert, to belong to Leung.

Defendant had brought the police to a pawnshop where the leather jacket was recovered. The boy was sentenced to two years' hard labour and to be deported for life.

On a second charge of breach of deportation order, the boy was cautioned and discharged.

## SENTENCED TO THREE MONTHS

A sentence of three months plus recommendation for banishment was imposed on Li Mao, 23, for selling indecent publications on February 22, at Des Voeux Road Central by Mr. F.X. d'Almada yesterday.

Inspector Bryon said that defendant had engaged three small boys to sell objectionable books outside the Wing On Company.

Two of the boys were selling while the third worked as lookout. Defendant promised to pay them each two dollars.

## EUROPEAN FINED \$10

A European, Johannes Cornelis Van Hartschol, was fined \$10 by Mr. A. D. Scholes at Kowloon yesterday, for driving a motor cycle without valid licence.

Defendant was involved in an accident with a pedestrian at Waterloo Road on February 22. But it was stated in court Van Hartschol was not in the wrong.

Enquiries from the accident revealed, however, that defendant possessed a test form only in addition to a Dutch driving licence.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited, held yesterday, it was decided to pay a dividend for the year 1948 of \$3 a share, free of tax.



# THE GOVERNOR OPENS NEW TB SANATORIUM

## TB Claims 57 Persons

Fifty-seven deaths from tuberculosis were registered with the Health Authorities during the week ended February 12.

Total deaths from all causes was 278 including one death from smallpox.

Births in the same period totalled 998.

## Cocktail Party Aboard New Swedish Ship

Local shipping circles had the opportunity to look over the new Swedish motorship *Hoi Wong* yesterday when they were entertained to a cocktail party aboard the vessel.

Jebsen Shipping Corporation, first charterer of the 3,400-ton modern vessel, were host to several hundreds who saw some of the latest modern navigation instruments with which the *Hoi Wong* is equipped.

The *Hoi Wong* will be put on the Swatow-Hong Kong-Singapore route of Jebsen Shipping Corporation. She left the Colony last night for a trial trip and will return here before she sails for the Straits.

A woman was charged before Mr. A. D. Scholes at Kowloon yesterday with being in possession of an opium pipe.

The woman, Leung Sze, aged 45, pleaded guilty and was fined \$50 or two weeks' imprisonment.

A young man, Kam Lam, aged 21, on a similar charge, received the same penalty.

Inspector J. Orem prosecuted in both cases.

The *Luxembourg Victory* is due to arrive here on February 25. She will be used for the purpose of carrying out the duties of a hospital ship.

The vessel is expected to call for Hong Kong, Shanghai and Japan at a later date.

## POST OFFICE MAIL NOTICE

Mail Service by Air and Surface to Tientsin and Peking is temporarily suspended until further notice.

**AIRMAIL FROM UNITED KINGDOM**

The *Airmail from United Kingdom*, scheduled to arrive on Thursday, February 24, has been delayed and is now expected to arrive on Friday, February 25, 1949.

The *Outward Airmail from Japan*, scheduled to close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 24, will now close at 5 p.m. on Friday, February 25, 1949 (Registered mail half an hour earlier).

## Outward Mails

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Post close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mail close before 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel Post close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

Closing Times by Air

Canton, Hankow, Kowloon, Cebu, 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m.; (GPO) 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.

Airmail for Chungking, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking and Tientsin, Airmail for Swatow, Amoy and Taipei, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Manila, Honolulu, USA and Canada, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Air Parcel Post for Manila, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon GPO) 4.30 p.m., (GPO) 5 p.m.

Ordinary Airmail (printed matters, samples and small packet posts) for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and USA, (Kowloon GPO) 4.30 p.m., (GPO) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Swatow, 9 a.m.

Shanghai, 10 a.m.

Swatow, 11 a.m.

Singapore and Bangkok, 11 a.m.

Straits, Aden, Egypt and Marseilles, 2 p.m.

Manila, Mauritius, Mombasa, India, L. Mombasa and South Africa via Durban, 3 p.m.

Amoy and Japan, 3 p.m.

Formosa via Keelung, Noon.

Hollong, Peking via Hailuoguo and Lianyungang, 3 p.m.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

Closing Times by Air

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking and Tientsin, Airmail for Swatow, Amoy and Taipei, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Manila, Honolulu, USA and Canada, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

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The Ruttonjee Sanatorium for tuberculosis patients, operated by the Hong Kong Anti-Tuberculosis Association, was officially opened by the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, yesterday.

The sanatorium is on the site of the Old Naval Hospital, Wanchai. The land and the buildings were a free donation to the Association from the Government.

The sanatorium was named after Mr. J. H. Ruttonjee, well known philanthropist, whose donation of HK\$550,000 made possible the opening of the institution.

Yesterday's ceremony consisted of the opening of the main entrance by the Governor with a golden key, which was afterwards presented to him as a memento of the occasion.

Sir Alexander, accompanied by his ADC Captain Wilson, arrived at 4.30 p.m. and was received by Dr. S. N. Chau, chairman of the Hong Kong Anti-Tuberculosis Association, and by Mr. J. H. Ruttonjee.

After extending a welcome to the Governor and the other guests Dr. Chau gave a brief review of the history of the Association.

He said the Association owed its inception to Sir Geoffrey Northcote, a former Governor of Hong Kong, and Dr. Percy Selwyn-Clarke, former Director of Medical Services, and now Governor of the Seychelles.

Dr. Selwyn-Clarke was the first who saw the necessity for an association to combat tuberculosis. The outbreak of the Pacific War brought a halt to its activities, but immediately after liberation Dr. Selwyn-Clarke set about reviving the Association.

A pre-war contribution by Sir Robert Ho Tung of HK\$80,000 enabled the Association to purchase a mass radiography unit which is at present installed at the Queen Mary Hospital and is doing very useful work.

In August 1947 the present site was donated by the Government and the Association made it possible for the Association to set up the sanatorium.

Dr. Chau mentioned other contributions, including HK\$50,000 from Mr. Leung Yew; HK\$25,000 from Mr. S. W. Lee; and HK\$10,000 from Mr. Aw Boon-haw.

**Very Fortunate**

The Association was very fortunate in securing the services of the Sisters of St. Columban Mission of Ireland to staff the sanatorium. They were specially trained for this class of work.

Dr. Chau concluded with an appeal for voluntary contributions. "The greater the measure of support we receive from the public, the greater will be our usefulness, and the sooner will be the achievement of our object of the combating and eradicating of this dread disease."

Sir Alexander Grantham expressed Government's appreciation of Mr. Ruttonjee's generosity. "A true son of Hong Kong, without whose help this sanatorium could not have been opened today," said Sir Alexander.

Mr. Ruttonjee was not content with his donation of HK\$550,000, continued Sir Alexander, and has offered a further HK\$125,000.

There are people in Hong Kong who would say that with all these magnificent contributions it was not necessary for them to do anything themselves. That said Sir Alexander, was wrong. The running of the sanatorium would need a lot of money, and he endorsed Dr. Chau's appeal for voluntary contributions from the public. He said the Government had agreed to make an annual grant of HK\$150,000.

"I would in particular appeal to those wealthy visitors who come to our shores for sanctuary. Their presence has aggravated those crowded conditions which do more than anything else to help the spread of tuberculosis," said Sir Alexander.

Mr. Ruttonjee thanked the Governor and Dr. Chau for their kind reference to him and said it was a privilege for him to have been able to make this contribution to humanity.

**Wagtail And Poverty**

He said there was enormous wealth in Hong Kong and there were many wealthy people. There was also indescribable misery, poverty, sickness and disease in the same community. Tuberculosis was one of those diseases. It was impossible for anyone to overlook these conditions, he said, and common humanity should demand that we do our share.

"It has been my aim for the past two years to fight this scourge of tuberculosis. I am grateful to Government for its support. It has given us this site and the buildings on it, worth HK\$500,000, and it has also agreed to make us an annual grant towards our maintenance. I am also grateful to the Anti-Tuberculosis Association for making possible the opening of this sanatorium," said Mr. Ruttonjee.

After the opening ceremony, a telegram from Dr. Selwyn-Clarke was read by Miss Ruby Mowbray, Secretary of the Association. It read: "Congratulations to the new sanatorium. May it be a place of healing and hope for all who enter its doors."



LIVING BUDDHA

## Living Buddha Meets Members Of The Press

Sixty-five-year-old Dilowa, the Living Buddha from Mongolia, smiled benignly to newsmen when he was interviewed at the American Consulate-General yesterday morning on the eve of his departure for the United States.

His Eminence has been invited by the U.S. State Department to take a post-graduate course in research at the John Hopkins University, Baltimore, where he will also teach the Mongolian language.

Dilowa was introduced by Mr. George D. Hopper, American Consul General, who said his Eminence was a high official and a high lama in his native country which he left in 1931 as a political exile.

The Outer Mongolian Government decided that a man of Dilowa's high ecclesiastical attainments should not be allowed to remain in the country. During the 18 years he had travelled extensively in China, Tibet and India.

Replying through an interpreter to questions put to him, Dilowa said there were other living buddhas besides himself. Some were elected, and others were reincarnations of dead buddhas.

He himself was a reincarnation of another buddha, he said, and became a living buddha at the age of five.

Dilowa said he is not politically minded, and he is not aware of what has gone on in Outer Mongolia since he left. Though Buddhism has been officially banned, it is still the religion of the people and he does not think it can be stamped out. As far as he knows there is no other religion, and no Christian mission in Mongolia.

## Villagers' Free-For-All Recalled

A free-for-all, in which bamboo poles, pieces of firewood, and iron hammers were used, between eight inhabitants of So Ok Village was described by Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans at Kowloon yesterday.

In the dock before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr were Lam Siu-mei, a 50-year-old woman, Cheng Kuk-ko, aged 37, and six other men including two with their heads bandaged, charged with disorderly conduct.

At 9.40 p.m. on February 23, said Sir Evans, the woman had a fight with Cheng as the result of quarrel over Cheng's dumping of rubbish at the door of the woman.

Four men joined in the fight on the side of the woman, and two on the side of the man. A free-for-all ensued, and bamboo poles, hammers, and solid pieces of firewood were brought into use to such effect that two of the men sustained injuries to the forehead.

All defendants were bound over in the sum of \$200 for six months.

## Meeting Of Northumberland, Durham Group

The annual general meeting of the Northumberland and Durham Association was held at 6.15 p.m. yesterday in the South China Morning Post board room.

After the report of the secretary for the year 1948 and the accounts were read and passed, Bishop Hall was re-elected President of the Association for the coming year.

Mr. G.W. Sewall was elected Vice-president, Mr. E. Cato, honorary secretary, and Mr. J. Fraser, re-elected honorary treasurer.

Mr. W.A. Grier, W. H. Cowie, R. Bailey, D. Monument, J. Tindall, J. Stokes and G.A. Rae were elected to the committee, and Mrs. N. Bailey, convenor of the ladies sub-committee.

The proposal to send 10 guineas each to the editors of the *Newcastle Chronicle* and the *South-Eastern Echo* to be distributed to the charitable institutions of Northumberland and Durham was carried.

## Bruce Gives Talk On Social Changes In Britain

There is an obvious tendency towards equality in present-day social revolution, and this is most marked in Britain, Mr. Robert Bruce said yesterday at the weekly luncheon of the Y's Men's Club.

The Hong Kong representative of the British Council was speaking on the "Social Changes in Britain" to members at the Hong Kong Hotel.

Social changes in Britain are not new, their progress has been perceptible since the 14th Century, Mr. Bruce said. It has been gradual and slow, and it gained impetus after the last war.

With the subsequent revolution in the life of the ordinary people, there have arisen several social problems, he said.

More people are looking for houses to rent or buy, now that the wages have been increased at least by 30 per cent. This has increased the acuteness of the housing shortage today, stated Mr. Bruce.

"There has been increased pressure on the existing educational institutions after the war. This demand will continue to go up. The last war has unfortunately made it more difficult."

"The social revolution, which has been bloodless in Britain since the Peasants' Revolt in 1381, has been achieved by deliberate planning by the State," Mr. Bruce said.

"The Government has a definite plan to create a town where the community would be a social unit, where there is a fixed common factory, a church and a community centre."

"There is a tendency to absorb back the 'hatives' of the respective countries who had been scattered throughout the nation since the Industrial Revolution. At least one-fifth of the nation's population is concentrated in London today. Many of them have to travel between 20 to 30 miles to go to work. There can hardly be any communal life in a place where thousands live in dormitories and spend most of their time travelling."

"One good result which is very glaring is that poverty has been abolished in Britain."

"Every man, woman, boy and girl today has the maximum chance in life."

"It has all been a radical, democratic change," Mr. Bruce concluded.

The speaker was introduced by Mr. Wellington Hsieh, the newly-elected president.

The next meeting of the Club will be held on Thursday, March 3, at the Chinese Bankers' Club, Bank of East Asia Building, at 7 p.m. It will be the inaugural dinner of the Club, when it will open its new premises.

## Reminders Today

The Reform Club Of Hong Kong, public meeting, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

Sino-British Club Orchestra concert, St. Stephen's Girls' College, 8.30 p.m.

A.S. Watson and Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, HK Hotel, 12 noon.

Sweet Making Demonstration, Women's Section, European YMCA, 10 a.m.

Garrison Players present "Arsenic and Old Lace" Mission to Seamen's Institute, 8.30 p.m.

HK Football Association members' meeting, 6.15 p.m.

Services Dance, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

## Coming Events

**TOMORROW**

HK Art Club monthly exhibition, Helena May Institute, 3 to 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY**

Classical Concert, Tse H. Club, Talbot House, 50, MacDonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

HK Art Club sketching class, members to assemble at Kowloon Star Ferry, 10.30 a.m.

## Money Market

Gold was again steady yesterday and fluctuations were within narrow limits.

Opening at HK\$302 a tael, it first went down to \$301.92 1/2, and then rose to \$303.50. It closed at \$302.50.

US dollars opened at HK\$5.13 1/2, and closed at a quarter of a cent less.

Gold Yuan went down further. Hong Kong delivery was quoted at 255 1/2 a cent. Canton deliveries at 23 1/2 a cent, and Shanghai delivery at 19 and 18 1/2 a cent.

Flaxseed opened at HK\$77 1/2 a 100 and closed at five cents higher. Ticks were unchanged from the previous day at HK\$21.00 a 100.

NEI Gullands opened at HK\$10 1/2 a 100 and closed at 10 cents higher.

Sterling was higher at HK\$16.25. Australian pounds were unchanged at HK\$12.70.

## Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

## What Is Freedom?

Sir,—The Hon. P.S. Cassidy, being a Member of the Hong Kong Legislative Council, is a maker of laws, and because he is such, it is deplorable to find these words in his speech:

"I ought to be standing here in a white sheet, confessing that I have sinned against the light."

If Mr. Cassidy has sinned against the light, he, at least on that occasion, was a law-breaker, morally, if not legally. It is not within the bounds of propriety for a law-breaker to tell his community that he had sinned against the light, when at the same time he was speaking in justification of a Bill which became law partly by his support.

The death is that Mr. Cassidy so far from sinning against the light, was stumbling in semi-darkness, in want of adequate knowledge of essentials. He said, "I don't like controls." That was saying something which could easily mislead the man in the street into believing that laws and regulations are no good. I seriously wish Mr. Cassidy and all who assume the responsibility of making laws, to realise that, if society is to attain Peace and Security, not only the individual but the State also must submit willingly to quite a lot of stringent communal life. We must learn to like control or regulations, for they are the very things that make freedom possible. We should also bear in mind that, in the ultimate analysis, the object of education is to develop self-discipline through controls, legal or otherwise, and thus to make it possible to reduce laws and regulations to a minimum.

"I am all for freedom," Mr. Cassidy continued, "in business as in other walks of life." Who does not want freedom? To be in a state of being free? But the word "freedom" in the foregoing quotation from Mr. Cassidy's speech, connotes "licence" rather than emancipation or liberation.

I should like to conclude this brief communication by stating with the greatest possible emphasis, that National as well as local Governments should grant freedom in the fullest sense of the word to all human beings. At the same time Governments should place adequate limitations (controls) on the life of every citizen and on that impersonal thing called business. Freedom is not the power to do what we like, but the right to act without interference within the limits of the Law.

R.S. WOODRUFF.

## Orders For HKVDC

Orders by Colonel L.T. Hsieh, Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, Order No. 749 follow:

Registration of the HKVDC is still open for registration purposes from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. All members of HKVDC who wish to register or enrol for or in the HKVDC should apply before 12 noon. Any member unable to come to HQ can apply to the adjutant for forms either by telephone or in writing.

Refresher Course Early next month it is hoped to start a refresher course for all officers and senior NCO's of HKVDC who have already registered. This course is also open to ex-officers and senior NCO's of the Hong Kong Police Force, who are on furlough or on leave from the force, who have also registered. Anyone interested in this course should apply to the Adjutant for details.

Hong Kong Volunteer Associations, a cabinet, dance is being arranged for members of the Association, their wives and lady friends, at the Kowloon Cricket Club (the termination of the President and Committee), on Saturday, March 19 at 9 p.m. Further particulars will be announced later. Members are requested to make a note of the date.

Photographs of Corps Officers: A number of photographs taken at the recent Corps Dinner are on view in the Sergeant's Mess at this HQ. Any volunteer wishing to purchase copies can place orders with the HQ.

## Orders For St. John

Orders by Mr. A. de Arriaga, Commandant, St. John Ambulance Brigade, follow:

Ambulance Detachment Hong Kong—February 27 to March 3, HKVDC Division.

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## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

**NOTICE TO MEMBERS**

**Second Race Meeting,**  
**Saturday, 26th February, 1949.**

There are nine races, the first will be run at 1.30 p.m. The first race will be run at 2.00 p.m. and the last at 8.00 p.m.

**MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.**

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

**NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.**

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and "Club Rooms" at 810 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all bills etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be of sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptroller's Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club Store provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

**NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE RACING.**

**PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.**

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tax men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

**SERVANTS' PASSES.**

Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with discretion and to advise their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their ladies and must remain in their employers' stands.

**BY ORDER,**  
J. A. BROWN, Secretary.



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Nos. 751, 753, 758.

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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

## ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-seventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Monday, the 28th day of February, 1949, at Noon, to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.
2. To sanction a Dividend in respect of the year 1948.
3. To elect two Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors.

## CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 14th February, 1949, to the 28th February, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

G. B. S. THOMSON,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 1, 1949.

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixtieth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on Friday, 25th February, 1949, at 12 noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with the Statement of Accounts for the period ended 31st October, 1948, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 15th February, 1949, to Friday, 25th February, 1949, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, LIMITED,  
General Managers.

Hong Kong, Feb. 7, 1949.

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## ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Saturday, the 5th day of March, 1949, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1948, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 18th of February to Saturday the 5th of March, 1949 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,  
A. MORSE,  
Chief Manager.

## THE HONG KONG &amp; SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

## Notice To Shareholders

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Second Floor, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong) on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of March, 1949, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948, and to re-elect a Director and appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 7th March, 1949, to the 23rd March, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
A. SOMMERFELT,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 24, 1949.

## THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

## Notice to Shareholders

The Seventy-sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Undersigned on Friday, the 18th March, 1949, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 4th March to the 18th March, 1949, both days inclusive.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, Limited, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 22nd day of March, 1949, at 12 o'clock Noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND, NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from the 8th to the 22nd day of March, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
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NOTICE is hereby given that the abovesaid company has lost its Memorandum of Association and that it is proposed to adopt a new Memorandum of Association.

A copy of the proposed new Memorandum of Association may be inspected at the office of the Company at No. 26 Western Street, Hong Kong, or at the office of Messrs. C. Y. Kwan & Co. of No. 4A, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria aforesaid, the solicitors for the Company, at any time during office hours.

Any person who objects to such proposed new Memorandum of Association should state briefly in writing the nature of the objections to such proposed new Memorandum of Association and should file the same with the Registrar of Companies, Supreme Court, Hong Kong, with the address for service within the Colony of the person objecting thereto not later than March 30, 1949.

Dated: February 18, 1949.

C. Y. KWAN & CO.,  
Solicitors for the  
Kwong Tai Company,  
Limited.

## HONG KONG SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

## Reminder

The Extraordinary General Meeting will take place at the Green Room, Peninsula Hotel, on Monday, February 28, at 6 p.m.

A. E. RIBEIRO,  
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All Members are particularly urged to attend.

By Order,  
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## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



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## BARGLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

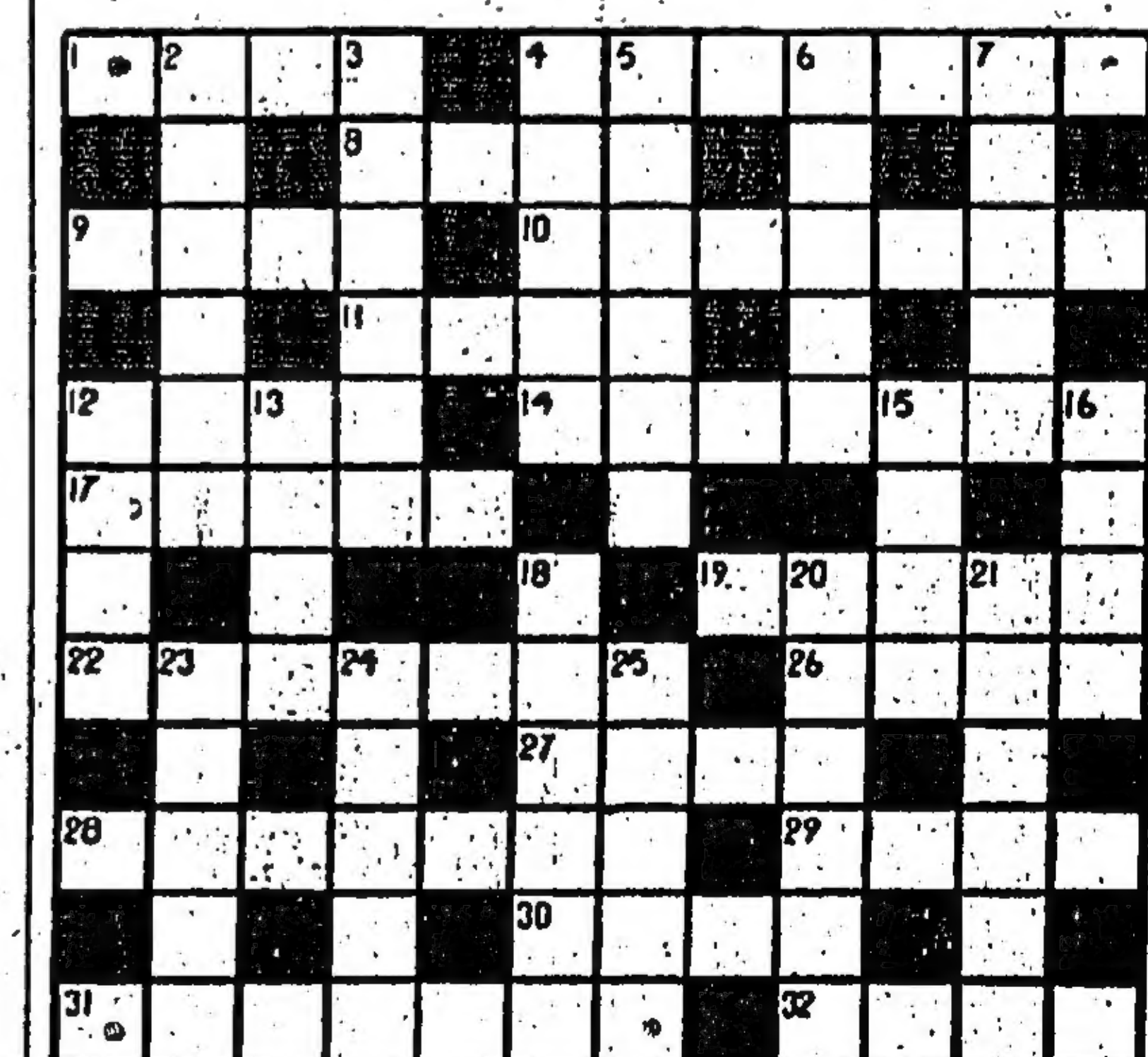
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WHO HAS THE LENGTH? IN A QUESTION of finesse again, one defender or the other, when able to essay either direction, your problem is often reduced to a simple fundamental. It is the matter of which defender is more likely to have length in the crucial suit. Part of the answer is indicated if one opponent had shown length in other suits than the one under consideration.

South's only risk of losing a heart rested in the chance that all four missing trumps were in one hand. East's single-handed bidding of two suits to the level of four had made it virtually certain East had eleven cards in them, so could not possibly hold four hearts. But West might. So South should have taken the first heart with the single honour, in his own hand. When East showed out, the finesse against West would have been marked. If South had followed trump success by playing clubs also to protect himself against West, he would have made his contract. Any book that recommends formulae never to be varied in the light of special evidence is a pretty sorry publication.

Your Week-End Question  
What are the two entirely different questions which should receive affirmative answers before it is sound to bid a slam?

## A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## Across

- 1 Smart.
- 4 Plunder.
- 8 Top.
- 9 Stupid.
- 10 Acquires temporarily.
- 11 Wreck.
- 12 Microbe.
- 14 Agitate.
- 17 Get up.
- 19 Royal.
- 22 Military unit.
- 26 Fond dweller.
- 27 Ventilates.
- 29 Part of the eye.
- 30 Obstruct.
- 31 Closely packed.
- 32 Close.

## Down

- 2 Siren.
- 3 Fascinates.
- 4 Violent.
- 5 Handsome youth.
- 6 Support.
- 7 Shrink.
- 8 Amulet.
- 10 Enlarged.
- 11 Berated.
- 12 Raiment.
- 13 Flimsy.
- 15 Press.
- 16 Zenc.
- 18 Jump about.
- 20 Flag.
- 21 Canvas protection.
- 23 Solitary.
- 24 Royal line.
- 25 Give in.

## Yesterday's Crossword

Across:—1 Method, 5 Sauce, 8 Minim, 9 Lentil, 10 Music, 11 Tumbler, 12 Syag, 13 Ledge, 14 Rebutal, 15 Leader, 20 Steam, 21 Rebutal, 22 Sprat, 25 Vial, 26 Tow.

Down:—1 Molasses, 2 Tentacle, 3 Omit, 4 Dilated, 5 Stimulant, 6 Cling, 7 Deposing, 8 Violent, 9 Rampart, 10 Berated, 11 Eastern, 12 Trial, 13 Toga, 14 Equivocal.



## MEMORIES



As natural and pleasant a pair of parents as one could wish to have are Philip Dorn and Irene Dunne, stars of "I Remember Mama."

## WE WILL ALL REMEMBER MAMA

A wonderfully human story, delightfully sympathetic acting and more than a touch of genius in the direction make "I Remember Mama" a rare treat for the cinema public.

Hilarious in parts, tragic in others, the story remains at all times on a warm, personal level which makes one feel a part of happenings to the Norwegian-American family living in San Francisco.

The King's theatre will be showing "I Remember Mama" from Thursday of the coming week. It was made by RKO Radio.

In the first scene the audience is introduced to the Hanson family in the process of their weekly Saturday-night settling up of their financial business. Papi (Philip Dorn), has brought home his wages—he is a carpenter—and Mamma (Irene Dunne) is portioning out the dollars according to her list of accounts owing.

All the family is present. Nels (Steve Brown), the eldest, Katrin (Barbara Bel Geddes), eldest daughter, and the two younger daughters, Christine (Peggy McIntyre) and Dagmar (June Medin).

At the conclusion of the accounting Papi asks, "Is all?" Mamma replies, "Ja, is good. We will not have to go to the bank." In that reply lies one of the chief points of the story. Mamma has spared her children worry by inventing a bank account in town.

All the parts are played with such complete naturalness and skill that it is difficult to praise one more than the other. Irene Dunne is, of course, outstanding, but more because of the size of her part than through any weakness in any of the others.

In the supporting cast Oscar Homolke is brilliant as the belligerent and warm-hearted Uncle Chris. His death scene is something to be remembered.

Edgar Bergen (minus Charlie McCarthy) shows that he is well able to stand on his own. He is the baneful underlifter who marries one of the Hanson's aunts, Trina, played beautifully by Ellen Corby.

Hope Landin and Edith Evanson score as the other two aunts and Rudy Vallee is more than competent as the bearded Dr. Johnson.

## THE PREVAILING WIND IS FROM THE SOUTH

Old soldiers and "Gone With The Wind" appear to have a fair deal in common. Not only do they never die; they retain the distinctive stamp of their quality to the end. And, of course, they fade away.

This process is being re-tarded as far as possible in the case of the film by its makers Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. To this end a further exhibition of the wonder picture will be made next week at the Queen's and Alhambra.

Anyone seeing "Gone With The Wind" now for the first time can hardly fail to enjoy it. More to the film's credit, however, is the fact that it seems likely that people seeing it not for the first time will enjoy it just as much. All the dash, fire and magnificence is still capable of gripping one's imagination.

Another point is, too, that such is the length of the production that a second viewing is really necessary in order to absorb it in full.

A point of passing interest to those who make a desultory study of human oddity is the frequency of the abbreviation of the name of this mighty filmic offering to "GWTW".

Apart from the fact that it thus becomes distressingly similar to the call-sign of a radio station or the tag of a government department, it is patently inappropriate and unnecessary and obviously the product of some bird-brain's bumbling inadequacy.

Least there be anyone who has forgotten who the players are in this epic they are reminded that the names at the top of the list of 55 speaking parts are those of Clark Gable as Rhett Butler, Vivien Leigh as Scarlett O'Hara, Leslie Howard as Ashley Wilkes and Olivia de Havilland as Melanie Hamilton. They are assisted by some thousands of extras.

In addition to the above there is a convincing array of livestock taking part, including 1200 horses, 500 mules, 100 pigs, 100

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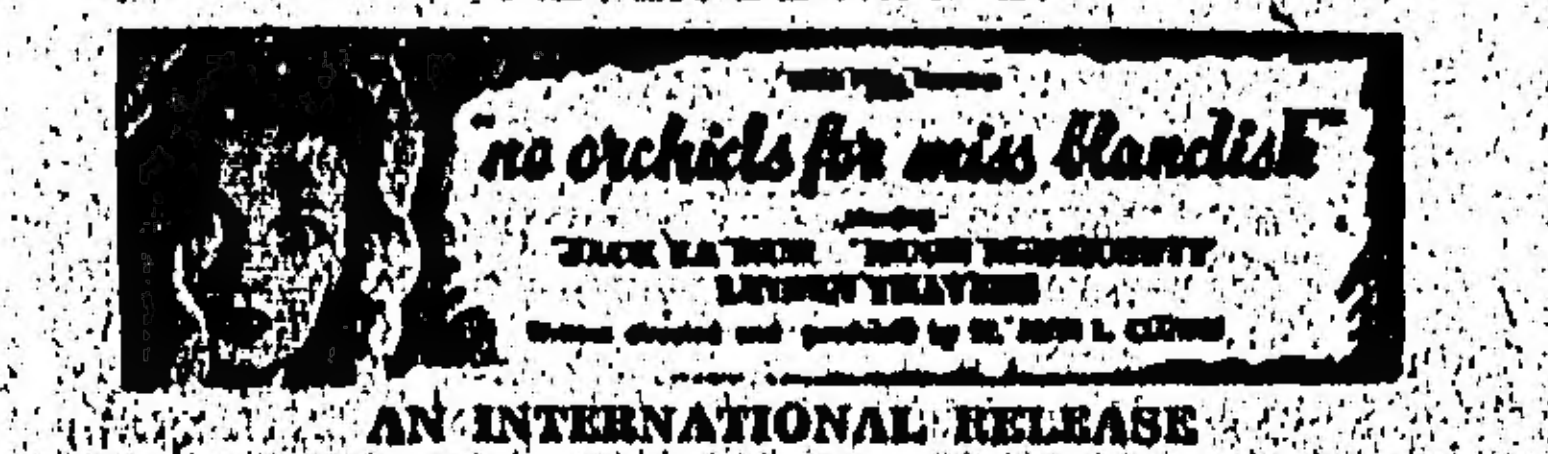
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## Roxy Opening On March 9

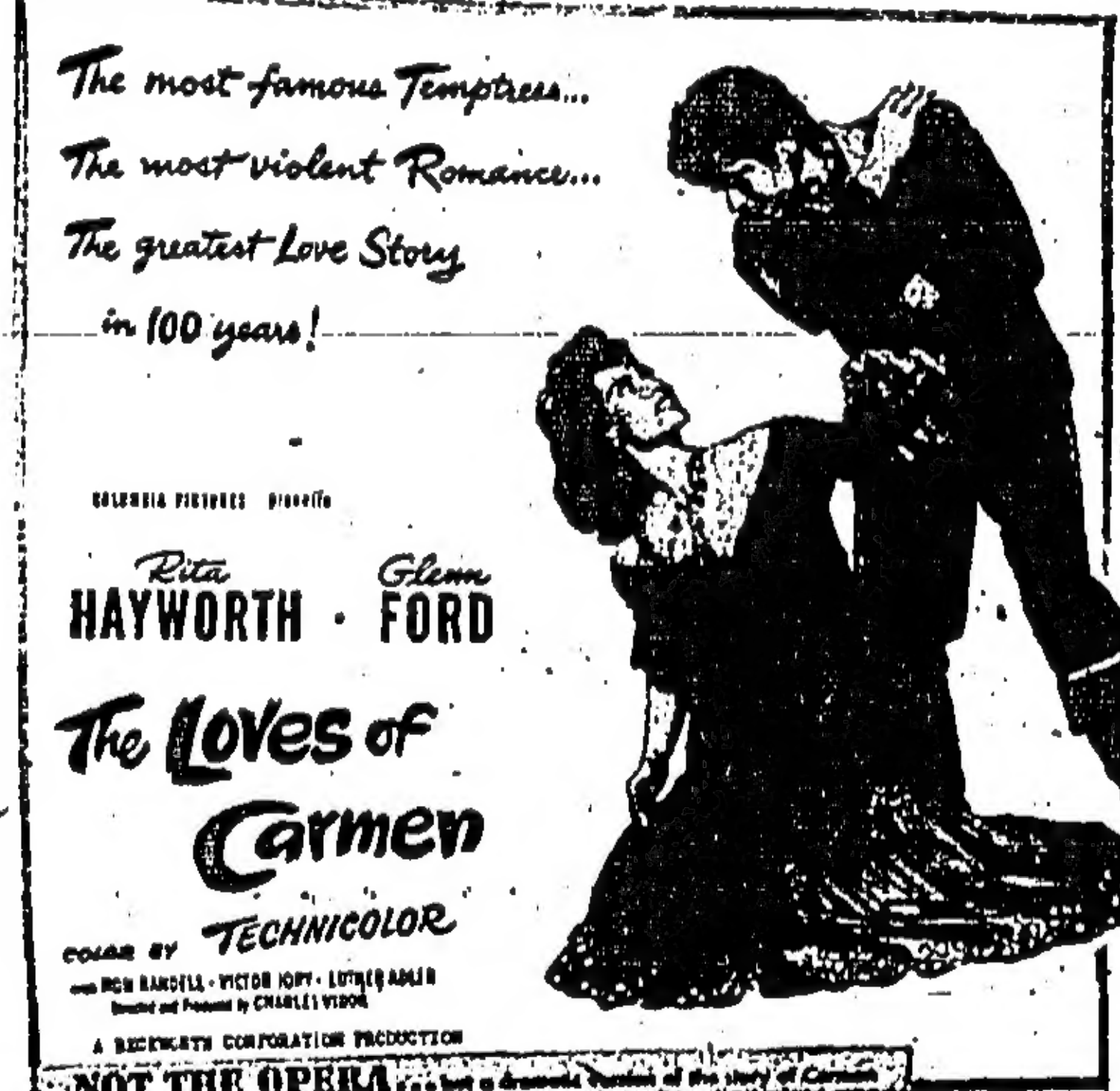
From March 9 filmgoers in the Colony will have another choice of cinema in the shape of the very modern and very attractive Roxy at Causeway Bay. The opening date was given to the "China Mail" yesterday by the proprietors of the new theatre.

With a total seating capacity of 1,740, complete air-conditioning and a stage built to accommodate five shows as well as a screen, the Roxy promises to be a valuable addition to the Colony's entertainment assets. The Roxy opens with the Betty Grable-Doris Day-Palmer feature "That Lady in Ermine."



Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh in the memorable roles of Rhett Butler and Scarlett O'Hara in "Gone With The Wind." The film returns to the Queen's and Alhambra next week.

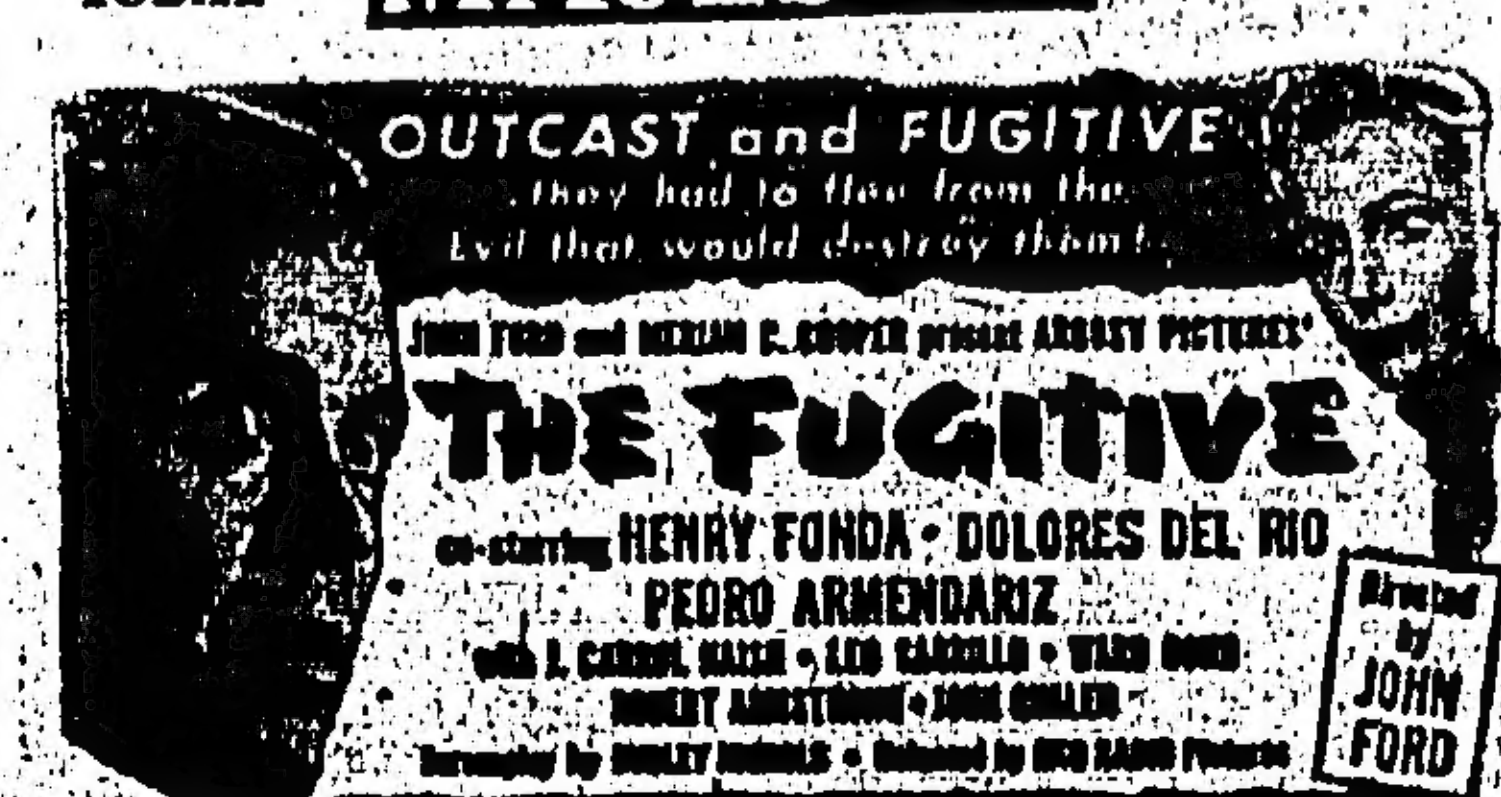
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The result should be another of Hollywood's painful efforts to be bright and cheery, turning out to be light and dreary. But fear not, fellow-sufferers, this show is different. It is what it sets out to be—light and frothy and very funny.

The name of this surprise packet is "Romance On The High Seas," a Warner Brothers effort which will be available to the cash customers at both the Lee and the King's towards the latter part of the coming week.

Though both Don DeFore and Janis Paige are present in the cast, their parts are fairly slender.

The ingredients which give the show its zip are Jack Carson (the detective) and newcomer Doris Day (the substitute wife on the cruise).

Mr. Carson, of course, is no beginner at the art of being a funny man. At times in the

## LUCKY MAN



Jack Carson displays coyness on receiving a little friendly lip-work from attractive new star Doris Day in "Romance On The High Seas."

past, though, there has been more ham than hum in his humour. This time he seems to strike a balance which makes it very enjoyable for all concerned.

Miss Day is a lissome honey who need never fear going hungry while there are men in the world. She bears quite a striking resemblance to Ginger Rogers, a fact of which one suspects her studio of being well aware. She does not dance, however, which is a pity.

She does sing—very pleasantly indeed. Sensual is not the adjective customarily used to describe the tones of a light vocalist but it seems appropriate in this case.

For the rest, the film has plenty of action, maintained admirably by director Michael Curtiz; bright music varying from blues to calypso; superlative settings by Anton Grot; and, for those who like their humour from the side of the mouth, that extremely droll character Oscar Levant, who plays the piano and the fool with equal skill.

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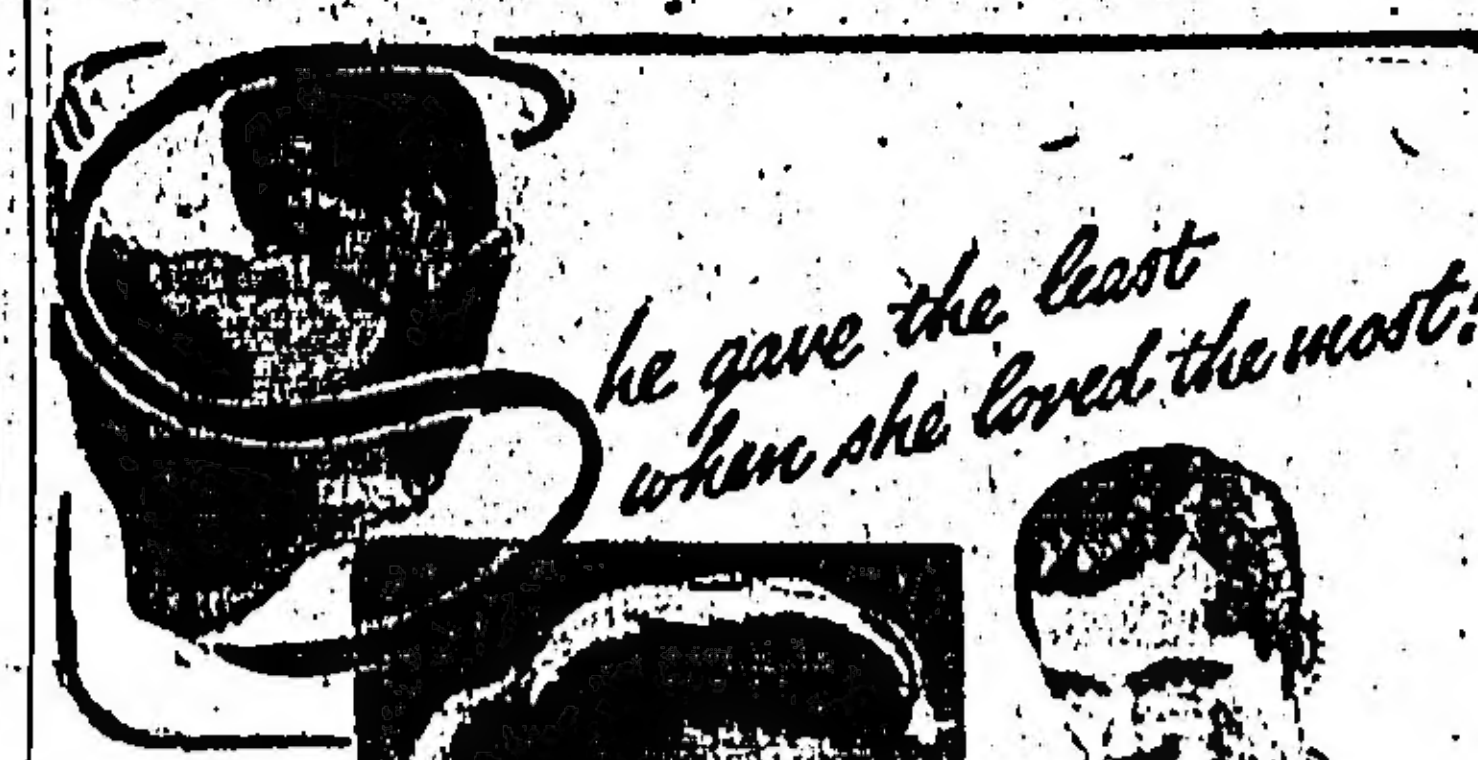
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## CONVULSIONS IN FRANCE

By Winston Churchill

WE must now quit the field of military disaster for the convulsions in the French Cabinet and the personages who surrounded it at Bordeaux.

It is not easy to establish the exact sequence of events. The British War Cabinet sat almost continuously, and messages were sent off from time to time as decisions were taken. As they took two or three hours to transmit in cipher, and probably another

hour to deliver, the telephone was freely used by the officials of the Foreign Office to convey the substance to our Ambassador; and he also used the telephone frequently in reply. Therefore there are overlaps and short-circuits which are confusing. Events were moving at such a speed on both sides of the Channel that it would be misleading to present the tale as if it were an orderly flow of argument and decision.

M. Reynaud reached the new seat of Government from Tours on the evening of June 14. He received the British Ambassador about 9 o'clock. Sir Ronald Campbell informed him that his Majesty's Government intended to insist on the terms of the Agreement of March 28, binding both parties not to make any terms with the enemy. He also offered to provide all the necessary shipping in the event of the French Government resolving to move to North Africa.

On the morning of the 15th Reynaud again received the Ambassador and told him that he had definitely decided to divide the Government in half, and to establish a centre of authority beyond the sea. Such a policy would obviously carry with it the removal of the French Fleet to ports beyond German power. Later that morning President Roosevelt's reply to Reynaud's appeal of June 13 was received. Material aid, if Congress approved, was offered; but there was no question of any American entry into the war. The Ministers having now all reached Bordeaux, the Council was summoned for the afternoon.

### Lifelong Dislike

General Weygand had been for some days convinced that all further resistance was vain. He therefore wished to force the French Government to ask for an armistice while the French Army still retained enough discipline and strength to maintain internal order on the morrow of defeat. He had a profound, lifelong dislike of the Parliamentary regime of the Third Republic. As an ardent religious Catholic, he saw in the ruin which had overwhelmed his country the chastisement of God for its abandonment of the Christian faith. He therefore used the power of his supreme military position far beyond the limits which his professional responsibilities, great as they were, justified or required. He confronted the Prime Minister with declarations that the French armistice would fight no more, and that it was time to stop a horrible and useless massacre before general anarchy supervened.

Paul Reynaud, on the other hand, realised that the battle in France was over, but still hoped to carry on the war from Africa and the French Empire and with the French Fleet. None of the eight other States overrun by Hitler had withdrawn from the war. Physically, in their own hands, they were gripped, but from overseas their Governments had kept the flag flying and the national cause alive. Reynaud wished to follow their example, and with much more solid resources. He sought a solution on the lines of the Dutch capitulation. This, while it left the Army, whose chiefs had refused to fight any longer, free to lay down its arms wherever it was in contact with

breath a word about the tragedy until then, unless a brief statement is issued to them.

This occurred again yesterday when a Cathay Pacific Airways Dakota crashed on a hillside near Shaokwan. A police officer endeavoured to prevent reporters and photographers from approaching the site, and demanded that one camera be handed over to him.

The matter has been aired in these columns before, and this is to give fair warning once again. To all concerned that accredited employees of this newspaper will continue the practice of observing and recording all such matters in the public interest, until some emergency measure is passed in Legislative Council to prevent the newspapers are not to

the enemy, nevertheless, preserved to the State its sovereign right to continue the struggle by all the means in its power.

### Behaved Wrongly

This issue was fought out between the Premier and the Generalissimo at a stormy interview before the Council meeting. Reynaud offered Weygand written authority from the Government to order the "Cease Fire." Weygand

refused with indignation the suggestion of a military surrender. "He would never accept the casting of this shame upon the banners of the French Army." The Act of Surrender, which he deemed imperative, must be that of the Government and of the State, to which the army he commanded would dutifully conform. In so acting General Weygand, though a sincere and unselfish man, behaved wrongly. He asserted the right of

a soldier to dominate the duly-constituted Government of the Republic, and thus to bring the whole resistance not only of France but of her Empire to an end, contrary to the decision of his political and lawful Chief.

Apert from these formalities and talk about the honour of the French Army there stood a practical point. An armistice formally entered into by the French Government would mean the end of the war for France. By negotiation part of the country might be left unoccupied, and part of the Army free; whereas, if the war were continued from overseas, all who had not escaped from France would be controlled, directly, by the Germans, and millions of Frenchmen would be carried off to Germany as prisoners of war without the protection of any agreement. This was a substantial argument, but it belonged to the Government of the Republic and not to the Commander-in-Chief of the Army to decide upon it.

### Sinister Figure

Weygand's position that because the army under his orders would in his opinion fight no more, the French Republic must give in and order its armed forces to obey an order which he was certainly willing to carry out, finds no foundation in the law and practice of civilised States or in the professional honour of a soldier. In theory at least the Prime Minister had his remedy. He could have replied: "You are affronting the Constitution of the Republic. You are dishonoured from this moment from your command. I will obtain the necessary sanction from the President."

Unfortunately M. Reynaud was not sufficiently sure of his position. Behind the presumptuous General loomed the illustrious Marshal Petain, the centre of the hand of defeatist Ministers whom Reynaud had so recently and so imprudently brought into the French Government and Council, and who were all resolved to stop the war. Behind these again loomed the sinister figure of Laval, who had installed himself at Bordeaux City Hall, surrounded by a clique of agitated Senators and Deputies. Laval's policy was the force and merit of simplicity. France must not only make peace with Germany, she must change sides; she must become the ally of the conqueror, and by her loyalty and services against the common foe across the Channel, save her interests and her provinces and finish up on the victorious side. Evidently M. Reynaud, exhausted by the ordeals through which he had passed, had sold the life or strength for so searching a personal ordeal, which would indeed have taxed the resources of an Oliver Cromwell or of a Clemenceau, or Stalin or of Hitler.

In the discussions on the afternoon of the 15th, at which the President of the Republic was present, Reynaud, having explained the situation to his colleagues, appealed to Marshal Petain to the Marshal's view. He could not have chosen a worse envoy. The Marshal left the room. There was an interval. After a while he returned with Weygand, whose position he now supported.

### Slippery Slope

At this serious juncture M. Chautemps, an important Minister, alid in an insidious proposal which wore the aspect of a compromise and was attractive to the waverers. He stated in the name of the Leftist elements of the Cabinet that Reynaud was right in affirming that an agreement with the enemy was impossible, but that it would be prudent to make a gesture which would unite France. They should ask the Germans what the



Peace delegate Professor Wu wasn't able to meet the Communist leaders in Hong Kong, but when he left, his face was of the right ideological colour.

"American Ties with the World." Let's hope they tone down those flaming sunsets a bit.

The former American club at Rainbow Centre in London has become a milk bar. There is no truth in the report that all the ladies who used to throng the pavements there have volunteered as milkmaids.

There is as yet nothing concrete as to why that sand cooling was kidnapped.

Mao to meet Shao. Hao, hao!

Monty on tour: There'll always be a Switzerland—providing the Swiss watches, of course.

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Simple Simon seems to be after the "pie" man once again.

So those hotel telegrams to Nanking were, after all, only hui...

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The Defence Force now numbers more than 1,600. Well, at Balaclava a mere 600 made the world wonder.

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conditions of armistice would be, remaining entirely free to reject them. It was not, of course, possible to embark on this slippery slope and stop. The mere announcement that the French Government were asking the Germans on what terms an armistice would be granted was sufficient in itself to destroy what remained of the morale of the French Army.

However, combined with the demonstration which they had witnessed from Petain and Weygand, the Chautemps suggestion had a deadly effect on the majority. It was agreed to ask His Majesty's Government how they would view such a step, informing them at the same time that in no circumstances would the surrender of

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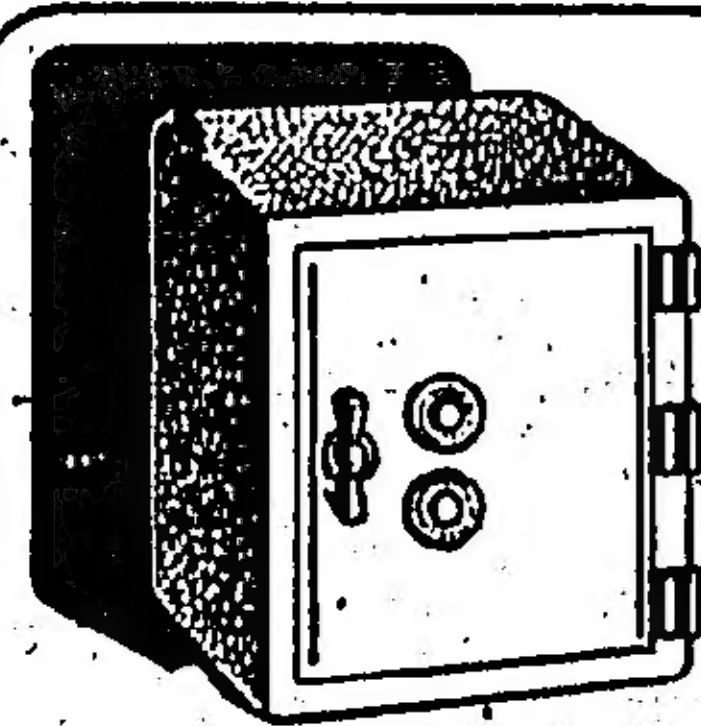
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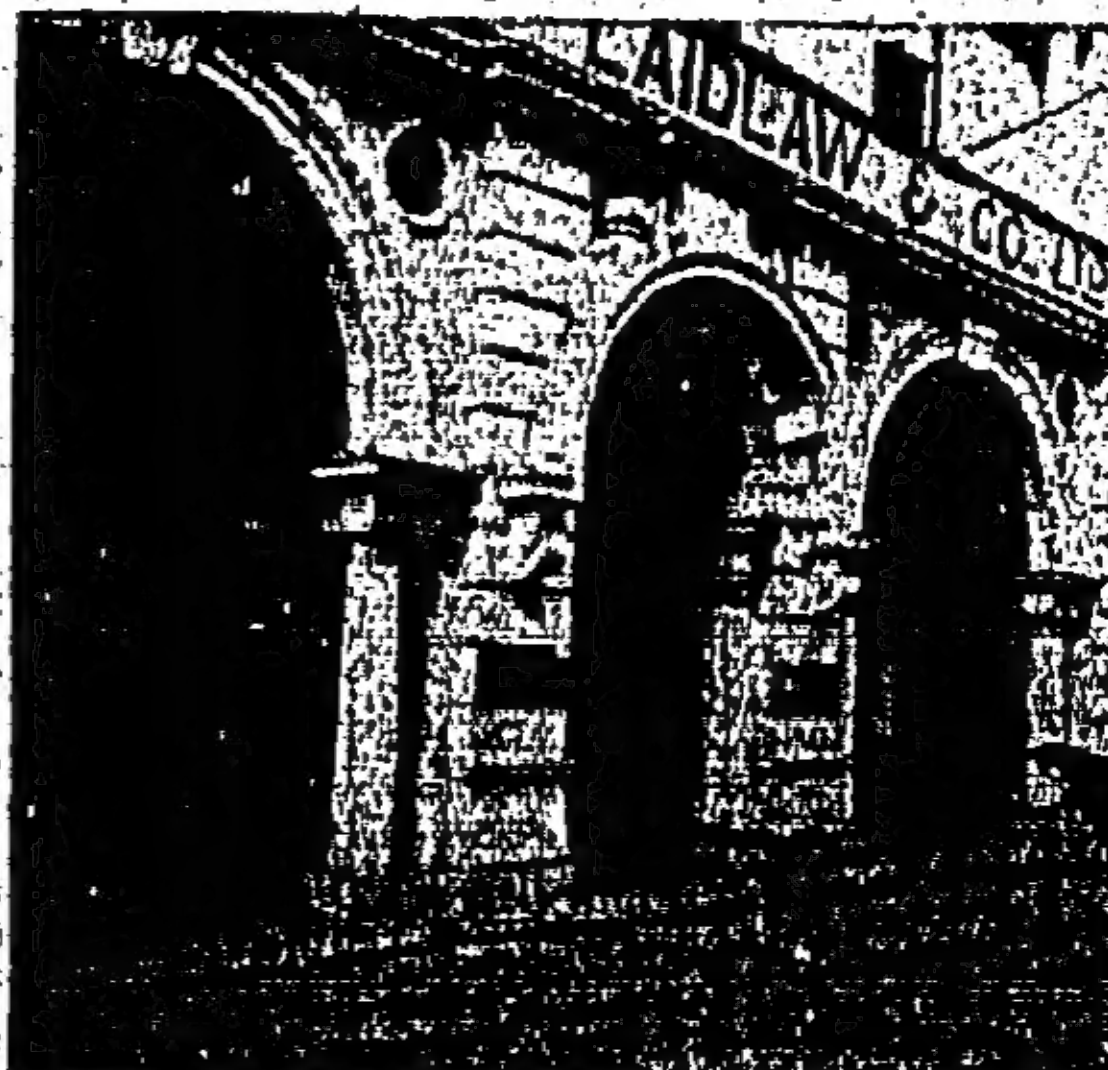
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# AIR MINISTER ASKS STRENGTHENING OF RAF

London, February 24.

Air Minister Mr. Arthur Henderson asked parliament on Wednesday for more money "to strengthen the position of the Royal Air Force in aircraft and equipment."

The cost of running the RAF in the year starting April 1, he estimated will be £207,450,000 compared with £173,000,000 in 1948-49.

Mr. Henderson also asked for £16,400,000 as a deficiency appropriation for the current year.

Emphasis, he said, will be on quality of both men and aircraft. In size, the RAF will be cut from 292,500 to 235,000 men.

More jet fighters have been ordered, Mr. Henderson reported and some of the planes will be used to arm Britain's allies.

"Steps are being taken in collaboration with the Air Forces of France, Belgium and Holland to build up our joint defences, against air attack using common types of equipment and aircraft common operational procedure" he said.

"Arrangements have been made for the supply of British aircraft to these allies air forces and for the manufacture of British fighters under licence and members of these air forces have received training in this country."

### Jet Bombers

Mr. Henderson also disclosed that the RAF expects to have its first jet bombers in the RAF soon.

"The development of a number of types of exceptionally high performance is proceeding as rapidly as possible and the first of these aircraft is expected to fly in the very near future," he said.

The RAF estimate brings to a total of £701,400,000, the total estimated cost of Britain's armed services for 1949-50. £1,600,000

## 2nd Five Year Plan In Britain

London, February 23.

The draft of the Labour Party's "second five-year plan" came before the full Executive Committee of the Party at a special meeting today.

The draft when approved by the National Party Conference in May will provide the platform for Labour campaign in the 1950 general election.

Proposals for the programme include nationalisation of water supply (which is considered certain), of the £170,000,000 Imperial Chemical Industries ship-building and sugar refining.

A proposal for nationalisation of flour milling was believed to have been successfully opposed by the great Co-operative Movement, which has its own special interests in this sphere.

One of the big tasks before today's meeting was to decide the opening theme of the second five-year plan, which will eventually shape up as the Labour election manifesto. Many Party supporters believe that the main appeal to the electorate must be on the lines of the Party's forward programme. Others think it should have a strong flavour of "look what we have done."—Reuter.

### QUAKE RECORDED

Boston, February 23.

A strong earthquake was recorded here today by the Boston College seismologist, the Reverend Daniel Linahan, said it might be either in Russia or South America.—Reuter.

## Nehru On Policy Of Australia

New Delhi, February 23.

The Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru said on Wednesday that the Australian Minister for External Affairs, Dr. H. V. Evatt, has expressed regret that he had misunderstood what Pandit Nehru said in a recent interview on the White Australia Policy.

Mr. Nehru was asked in the Legislative Assembly about Mr. Evatt's statement in Canberra, the Australian capital, that in his view, Mr. Nehru supported the White Australia Policy.

Mr. Nehru told the Assembly that in the course of an interview with an Australian newspaper correspondent some time ago, he stated that he could understand an immigration policy based on economic considerations with a view to maintaining certain standards and ways of living but that he thought a racial policy was wrong and to be deprecated.

Mr. Evatt, he said, had expressed regret to India's representative in Australia that he had not understood what had been said by Mr. Nehru.—Associated Press.

## Rare Stamp Up For Sale

London, February 22.

A Swiss postage stamp not seen at auctions for nearly 30 years is expected to cause excited bidding at a London sale on March 2.

It is an unused four cent black and red, issued by the Canton of Geneva in 1849. Auctioneers expect that at least £350 will be paid for it.

The last unused copy was sold for £130 in 1920.

The stamp was issued during the brief transition period when the various Swiss cantons issued their own stamps.

Only local letters were charged at four cents, and comparatively few stamps passed into the hands of outside collectors.—Reuter.

## Pakistan Anthem

Karachi, February 23.

Pakistan Government officials, unable to decide on a choice of words and a tune for the Dominion's National Anthem despite long listening to the contributions of eager poets and musicians, have now handed over the task to a committee of Members of Parliament.

Asked in the Assembly today if this committee included a musician of repute, Minister of the Interior, Mr. Khawaja Shahabuddin, reassured the House with: "Yes, the Honourable the Minister for Food."—Reuter.

## ARREST OF SPIES IN BULGARIA

Sofia, February 23.

The Bulgarian Government today issued a 55-page booklet charging that the 15 arrested evangelical pastors who will go on trial on Friday were "caught redhanded" in a vast spy ring "definitely manipulated from abroad." The Government said, "The brutal truth is some of the defendants served the Gestapo in the past and now all serve new masters."—United Press.

## Scandinavian Bloc Assailed

Warsaw, February 23.

The Polish Ministers to Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland were recalled recently for talks on "the attempts of imperialist circles to draw the Scandinavian countries into the orbit of an aggressive North Atlantic Pact," the Foreign Office announced tonight.

Poland is vitally interested that the Baltic and its neighbouring countries should not become the sphere of imperialist machinations, which would endanger the peaceful co-operation of the Baltic States," the announcement said.—Reuter.

# Royal Navy Able To Deal With Any Emergency

London, February 23.

The Royal Navy is ready to deal with any emergency which may arise, Lord Hall, the First Lord of the Admiralty, told the House of Lords today.

"I know from my own personal experience that the Royal Navy is in good heart," he added in a debate on naval policy.

Lord Teynham, Conservative, who commanded destroyers and mine-sweepers in the assault on North France in 1944-45, opened the debate by admitting a great improvement in the Navy since the "dark days which were with us not so long ago," but complained of a shortage of men on long-term engagements which he said could only result in a "tremendous" dilution of experienced ratings.

Lord Allwyn, supporting the complaint about naval pay, wanted to know why a dentist in the National Health Scheme could earn £4,800 a year while a Home Fleet Commander-in-Chief received only £2,920.

Lord Hall, in reply, agreed that the proportion of long-term men was only about half the pre-war rate and nearly half the men had less than three years' experience but the Navy had regained its strength and, having regard to the difficulties of the times, progress had come up to expectations. The Earl of Cork and Orrery said that in any future war the principal object of the opposing forces would be to protect the Baltic and the Black Seas. The Western powers' forces would be fully employed in keeping back the enemy's advance to the West coast of Europe and Scandinavia and the enemy would take steps to hinder in every way by air and sea egress from British Home ports.—Reuter.

## Kravchenko To Visit Britain

Paris, February 23.

The Soviet-born author, Victor Kravchenko, intends visiting Britain and several European countries at the end of the court proceedings in Paris.

Mr. Kravchenko told Reuters today he intended to give a number of lectures, meet political leaders and address meetings of workers. Among other countries he hoped to visit are Holland, Italy, Switzerland and Sweden. I want to study economic and political conditions and, of course, do a bit of sightseeing.—Reuter.

# Political Crisis In Prague

London, February 23.

Highly informed quarters today reported that the Russian scheme to send thousands of German workers into Czechoslovakia brought a political crisis in Prague.

President Klement Gottwald reportedly resisted the scheme while Premier Antonin Zapotocky was ready to accept it. Premier Zapotocky "disappeared" for several days. Then last night he was on Prague radio with these words: "No doubt you have heard a lot about me in the last few days. Some people had already thought that I was buried. But I am still alive."

Some sources here believed that the reported split between President Gottwald and Premier Zapotocky was behind the recent trip to Czechoslovakia by M. Andrei Vishinsky, Soviet deputy Foreign Minister. The official explanation was that Mr. Vishinsky was taking the cure at Carlsbad. In Prague, armed Czech Communist Party members patrolled the streets. Spot checks of identity papers were more frequent. A cordon was placed around the International Telephone Centre on Saturday night.

## Precautionary Measures

Such precautionary measures well might have been taken simply because of the occasion of the first anniversary of the Communist Coup in Czechoslovakia. But a confidential circular issued to Communist Party cells was reported to have warned that "reactionaries" inside Czechoslovakia are trying to undermine the Communists "by all possible means." It added: "The Western imperialists are not lambs."

Informants said the Russian proposal to transfer Germans to Czechoslovakia was submitted some time ago. Moscow wanted to settle 200,000 to 400,000 in the Sudetenland frontier area where alleged mismanagement of German minorities was the pretext used by the Nazis to move against Czechoslovakia. After the war, Czechoslovakia expelled most of the Germans from Sudetenland and has been suffering a shortage of skilled labour there ever since. In Sudetenland are coal mines, chemical plants and glass factories.—United Press.

## ANTI T.B. CAMPAIGN

Lake Success, February 23.

The International tuberculosis campaign aims at immunising more than 100,000,000 people in Europe, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America, it was announced at Lake Success today.—Reuter.

# Soviet May Raise Berlin Blockade

Berlin, February 23.

Hints that the Soviet Union is prepared to negotiate for the raising of the Berlin "blockade" were recently given to junior Western officials by members of the Polish Military Mission here, a high official of the British Military Government said today.

He said the hints were given earlier this month by the Poles in "very ineffectual" approaches made within a space of 48 hours to 14 different junior officials among the Western Powers.

The British official said he did not think the Russians could stand the "loss of face" involved in calling off the blockade with nothing to show for it.

He said the Western attitude remained the same—no negotiation until the blockade is lifted. In the meantime, the airlift, now in its eighth month, would be continued as long as needed.

The British official said that responsible British observers in Berlin did not expect the Russians to "do a Korea" and declared their willingness to remove their occupation troops if the other three occupying powers did likewise.

The reasons given were: (1) This move did not work in Korea, where the Americans refused to withdraw at the same time as the Russians. (2) The Communist-led Socialist Unity Party would not be able to win control in Western Germany, which had shown its anti-Communist sentiments in repeated elections. (3) The much publicised "People's Police" in the Soviet Zone was not nearly strong enough to impose Communism by force.

According to the best British information, this force was badly led, badly armed and numbered less than 50,000. Estimates from other Allied and German sources in the past few months had ranged as high as 400,000.

Responsible Western observers had been little impressed by frequent calls by pro-Soviet politicians for a re-unification of

## No Nobility In Pakistan

Karachi, February 23.

Pakistan will not keep ties of nobility, the Minister of the Interior, Mr. Khawaja Shahabuddin, told the Dominion Parliament today. It is authoritatively understood here that a system of awards similar to the French Legion d'Honneur, is being contemplated.

Pakistanis who have been given English titles are still allowed to use them though they are not recognised officially.—Reuter.

# Austrian State Treaty Conference

London, February 23.

The Foreign Ministers, deputies for Austria this morning completed their preliminary review of the unagreed clauses of the Austrian state treaty.

On the basis of this review and of the treatment of Yugoslavia's case, which will be made tomorrow by Dr. Ales Bebler, the Yugoslav deputy foreign minister, the deputies will then decide whether it is worth while continuing their talks and making a more detailed examination of the unagreed clauses.

If tomorrow Dr. Bebler restates, without any change, Yugoslavia's previous demands for territory and reparations from Austria, the deputies may well feel that there is little point in continuing the talks. Dr. Karl Gruber, the Austrian foreign minister, will be present tomorrow, when Dr. Bebler speaks.

The deputies today ran through three and a half clauses towards the end of the treaty, dealing with financial and technical matters. There was a small difference of opinion between the French delegation and the other three delegations over article 48, under which Austria is to accept responsibility for debts contracted before the Anschluss in 1938, while Germany is to accept responsibility of debts contracted after that date.

### French View

The French view was that Austria should be responsible for the payment of interest on Austrian securities as falling due after the Anschluss.

The other delegations, however, said that Germany, not Austria, should be responsible for such interest payments. On article 48, which provides that the Allies shall waive their claims on Austria for relief supplies imported between the end

of the war and the signing of the treaty, the three Western delegations were in full agreement.

It is understood that this clause would mean the renunciation by Britain of several million pounds in the case of the United States the sum would be still larger since, at a certain period, the United States was supplying 60 per cent of Austria's food.

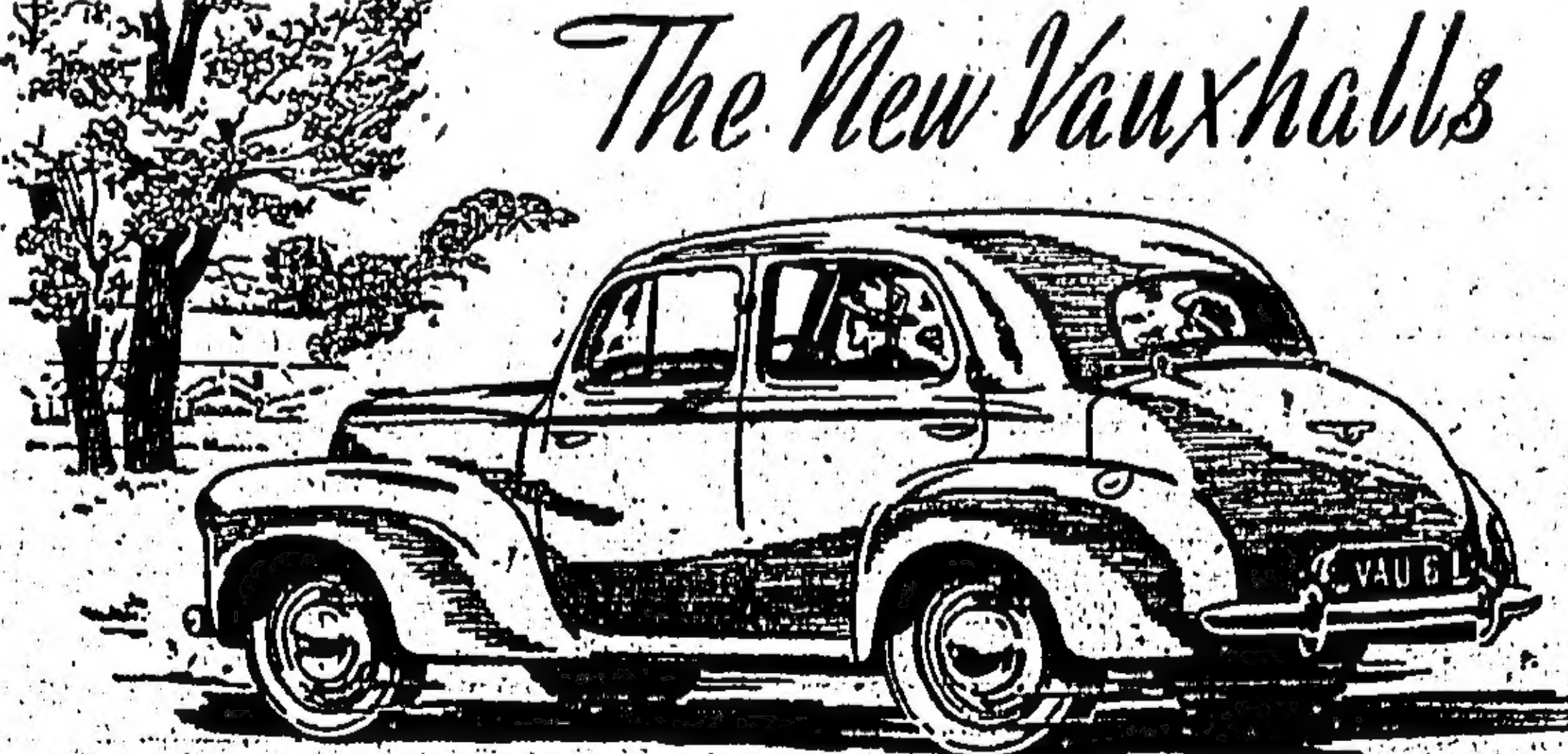
Mr. Samuel Feber, United States delegate, said that the four powers should agree to this clause in order to make a constructive contribution towards the rehabilitation of an independent Austria.

The Soviet viewpoint, however, was that Austria should recognise that all imported relief supplies constituted a debt which she must repay.

There was a brief discussion on article 49 dealing with contracts between Austria and Germany. Mr. Feber suggested that the clause should be omitted altogether.

And the British delegate agreed. The two other deputies asked for time to consider the suggestion.

The deputies agreed to a French suggestion about article 51. This was that consideration should be given to the question of writing into the treaty an obligation on Austria to join any international organisation for the control of patents which might be set up in the future.—Reuter.



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### ECA Aid For Colonial Areas

Washington, February 23. The ECA today announced that it had approved the sending of US\$1,500,000 to assist geological and topographical surveys in Britain's colonial areas of Asia, Africa and British Guiana.—United Press.

## Burma Rebels Gaining

Rangoon, February 23. Karen rebels driving on Mandalay have occupied two railway towns to the North East and South West, a Government spokesman announced today.

They are Myingyan, 60 miles South West, and Maymyo, 30 miles to the North East. Mandalay was "well guarded" by the Army and People's Volunteer Organisation forces, he added.

At Maymyo, the loss of which was reported last night, rebels have disarmed some Government troops, but the majority escaped to Lashio, railway terminus 110 miles further North East, where they were regrouping for a counter-offensive, the Burma Government spokesman said.

Tonight's Government communiqué claimed the repulse with heavy casualties of a two-pronged Communist attack on the big rice port of Akyab.

### Mydhaung Clash

In a clash at Mydhaung, 40 miles North of Akyab, Government troops killed 20 rebels, the communiqué said.

More than 2,000 Karen rebels still hold Melkita, 80 miles South of Mandalay, which they occupied on Sunday, according to a press report today.

The Karens, the report added, had seized five trains and were using one as an ambulance. Government troops and Karens were fighting at Mahlaing, 20 miles North West of Melkita, it was officially stated today.

A Government spokesman confirmed that Karens captured two Burma Air Force planes at Antsakan, 30 miles North of Mandalay, when they over-ran the airstrip there on Monday.—Reuter.

### Wall Street Brief Comments

New York, February 23. Production centres continue to report rising unemployment. The New Jersey employment service reports more than seasonal unemployment occurred in January. The Commerce Department reports that United States 1948 income of goods and services totalled \$255,000,000,000 as compared with \$232,000,000,000 in 1947. United States residents earnings were \$224,500,000,000 as compared with \$202,500,000,000. The Department comments that the confirmed impression was of a rather impressive shift away from the intensely inflationary position has occurred.—Reuter.

### London Freight Market Report

London, February 23. The chartering market ruled very slow, following the United States holiday, but rates were firmly held. Business was arranged for bagged wheat from South Australia to India at 73/6, bulk wheat from West Australia to the Middle East at 60/- and rice from Bangkok to India at 42/6 a ton. Coals were fixed from the United Kingdom to Alexandria at 28/6 and to Oran or Algiers at 18/6. The River Plate section was idle but tonnage was wanted for heavy grain to Antwerp, Lisbon and West Italy.—Reuter.

Washington, February 23.

The United States expects to negotiate separate bilateral military aid agreements with the Atlantic Pact powers as soon as the Pact is signed and Congress has appropriated funds for the rearmament of those powers.

Well informed sources here anticipated that Congress would require such agreements. They would be designed to ensure that the military supplies would be used in accordance with the principles of the Pact, and that the other Atlantic powers would do their best in the spirit of mutual European self-help to supply and equip each other as well.

It drafted along the lines of legislation for the United States military aid to the North Atlantic Pact powers.

The British Minister, Sir Frederick Hoyer-Miller, visited the State Department today for a talk with the Chairman of the Foreign Assistance Co-ordination Committee which is preparing this legislation, Mr. Ernest A. Cross.—Reuter.

### Military Provisions

It has been reported, but not confirmed, here that the provision for "military or other action" in case of aggression, is still retained in the latest draft.

With the final treaty draft approaching completion, official attention turns increasingly to its

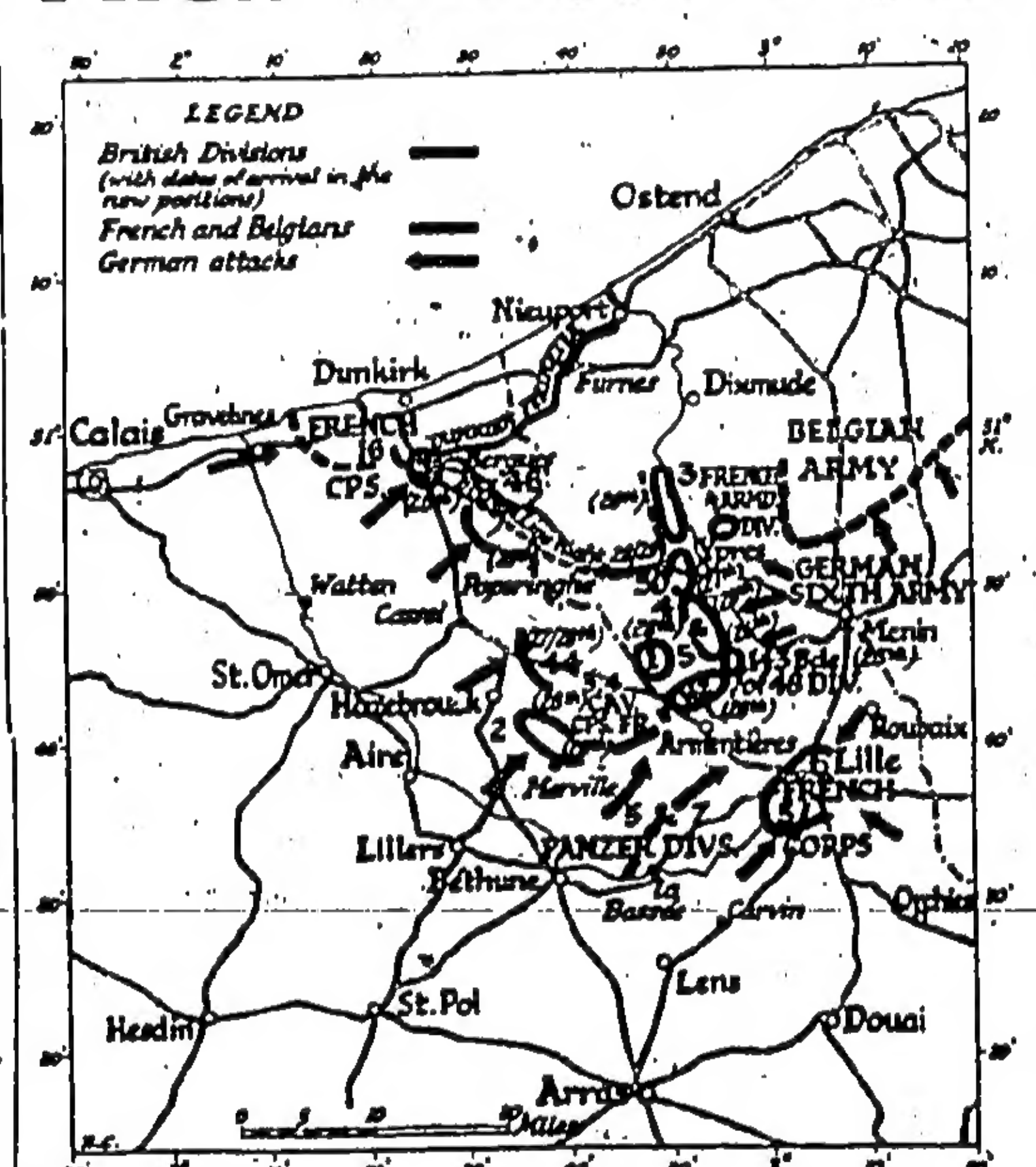
## Norway Will Join Atlantic Pact

Oslo, February 22.

Norway will join the Atlantic Pact when the time is ripe.

The People's Party are understood to favour waiting to see how the final draft of the Atlantic Pact will be formulated. The Government and the

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The Fleet he allowed, Reynaud now rose from the table and declared his intention to resign. But the President of the Republic restrained him, and declared that if Reynaud went he would go too. When the confused discussion was resumed, no clear distinction was drawn between declining to surrender the French Fleet to the Germans and putting it out of German power by sailing it to ports outside France. It was agreed that the British Government should be asked to consent to the inquiry about the German terms. The message was immediately despatched.

### An Answer

The next morning Reynaud received the British Ambassador again, and was told that the British would accept the French request on the condition that the German navy—in fact that it should be directed to British ports. These instructions had been telephoned to Campbell from London to save time. At 11 o'clock the distracted Council of Ministers met again, President Lohr being present. The President of the

Senate, M. Jeanneney, was brought in to endorse, both on his own behalf and on that of his colleague the President of the Chamber, M. Herriot, the proposal of the Premier to transfer the Government to North Africa.

Up rose Marshal Petain and read a letter, which it is believed had been written for him by another hand, resigning from the Cabinet. Having finished his speech he prepared to leave the room. He was persuaded by the President of the Republic to remain on the condition that an answer would be given to him during the day. The Marshal had also complained of the delay in asking for an armistice. Reynaud replied that if one asked an ally to free one from an obligation, it was customary to await the answer. The session then closed.

After luncheon the Ambassador brought to Reynaud the textual answer of the British Government, of which he had already been given the telephoned purport in his conversation of the morning. World Copyright reserved. Reproduction, even partially, in any language, strictly prohibited. Exclusive rights in Hong Kong (To Be Continued Tomorrow)

### Atlantic Pact Military Clause

Washington, February 23. The military clause in the projected North Atlantic Pact will not commit the United States automatically to war, but will carry guarantees so strong that no one will mistake America's intention to resist aggression, an official source disclosed here today.

Mr. Dean Acheson, Secretary of State, will carry the Pact negotiations through on the basis of this understanding reached with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, it was understood.

The specific phrasing of the military clause is still secret. But it is understood there is agreement to give the signatories assurance of aid in the case of attack.

The State Department hopes to present the treaty to Congress in about a month.

It would be reinforced by a multi-million dollar military aid proposal for participating Western European countries.—Reuter.

## Envoys Of Western Powers To Meet In Washington

Washington, February 23.

Diplomatic sources today said the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, and envoys of six other Western powers, would hold an important conference tomorrow about the proposed North Atlantic security pact.

Conferees will include diplomatic representatives of Canada, Britain, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

Diplomatic observers here attached special significance to the fact that Mr. Acheson has had to get the reaction of the six foreign governments to the Senate's attitude on the pact.

Up for consideration, too, will be the question of inviting Norway to join final treaty negotiations. An invitation will be issued promptly after the Norwegian Parliament formally agrees to enter the historic discussions.

### Final Phase

As treaty negotiations entered their final phase, negotiators cautioned against forecasting that a draft would be made public this week. They said further sessions probably would be held with the treaty powers and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee before the terms were released.

The present American position on the treaty, based on Mr. Acheson's meeting with the Senate Committee, is understood to follow these lines:

1. The United States is willing to sign an effective defence treaty based on the general principle that an attack on any signatory nation would be considered as an attack on all.

2. The United States would agree to assist any signatory power, in the event of aggression, through all possible measures short of war. A war declaration would have to be left to Congress.

These provisions were expected to be approved by other treaty powers.

Meanwhile, reliable informants reported that estimates of military requirements, provided by the Western European powers, exceeded the ability of the United States to help. They said the estimates at present were being screened to determine where cuts could be made without endangering minimum security needs.—United Press.

## Building Of Steel Ships In Japan

Tokyo, February 23.

Allied Headquarters announced today that contracts had been signed for the construction in Japan of five steel ships.

The contracts call for the building of one oil tanker for Norwegian account and a tanker and three cargo vessels for Danish account. Payment for all the ships will be in terms of United States dollars.

The largest vessel is a 18,000-ton tanker for the Norwegian Line to be completed by May 31, 1950, by the Kawasaki heavy industry plant at Kobe. The other four ships, including a 17,000-ton steel tanker, and three cargo vessels of 5,170 tons each, will be built by the Mitsui Shipbuilding Company at Yamato. Delivery of the tanker is planned for August, 1950 while the three smaller vessels will be delivered by March, 1950.—United Press.

### TURKISH ARMY MANOEUVRES

Istanbul, February 23.

The Turkish armed forces today began large-scale land and sea manoeuvres in and on both banks of the Bosphorus near the entrance to the Black Sea, designed to test their ability to repel any attack from the Black Sea.

The heads of the United States Aid Mission to Turkey and a number of American observers and experts followed the manoeuvres. Camouflaged anti-aircraft guns were sited at strategic points on the coast and motorised units gave support.—Reuter.

### Fleet Ready For Emergency

Rosyth, Scotland, February 23.

One hundred and fifty ships of the Royal Navy's Fleet have been fitted since the beginning of 1948 to "make them ready for any emergency," Vice-Admiral Sir Claude Barry, the Navy's Director of Dockyards, announced at the naval base here today.

"Very special efforts have been made since last August to bring our large reserve fleet into a state of repair," the Admiral said.—Reuter.

## Outburst Against Pope Pius

Rome, February 23.

The Italian Communist leader, Palmiro Togliatti, in an article in the Communist weekly "Vita Nuova" (New Paths), accuses the Pope of seeking to organise a "Holy Alliance" against the Communist countries.

The article, entitled "God and the Atlantic Pact," was made available to the press yesterday.

In it, the Moscow-trained Italian Communist discusses critically the Pope's exhortation of February 12 in which he called for special Masses on April 3 to expiate the crime of the enemies of God in sentencing Josef Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary to life imprisonment.

Mr. Togliatti gives most attention to the Pope's statement that he welcomed the steps that have been taken to unite states together in ever closer alliances to ward off such disasters as strife and civil discord and wars which in the future with new weapons will cause immense destruction.

That passage, the Communist contends, constitutes implicit endorsement of the Atlantic pact. He says: "With these words it is stated clearly without reticence or pretence that the Pope wants a Holy Alliance against the peoples that have committed the terrible sacrifice of freeing themselves from capitalism and imperialism."

### "Peaceful" Russia

"And since the sponsor of this Holy Alliance is today the most aggressive of imperialisms, the American one, behold the war moves of this imperialism sprinkled with Holy water."

Russia, on the other hand, seeks peace, Togliatti continues, and the best part of the peoples throughout the world is against war.

"In the face of this, gigantic growth of the conscience and the will to peace of all peoples," he writes, "the warmongers feel the ground under their feet lacking. They hesitate. They are always more involved in their own intrigues."

"To save them there comes the exhortation of the Pope, the only real objective of which appears to be that of lending a new consistency to the criminal plans of the imperialists, making them appear to be justified by the proposal to destroy atheism and to exterminate those who hate God."—Associated Press.



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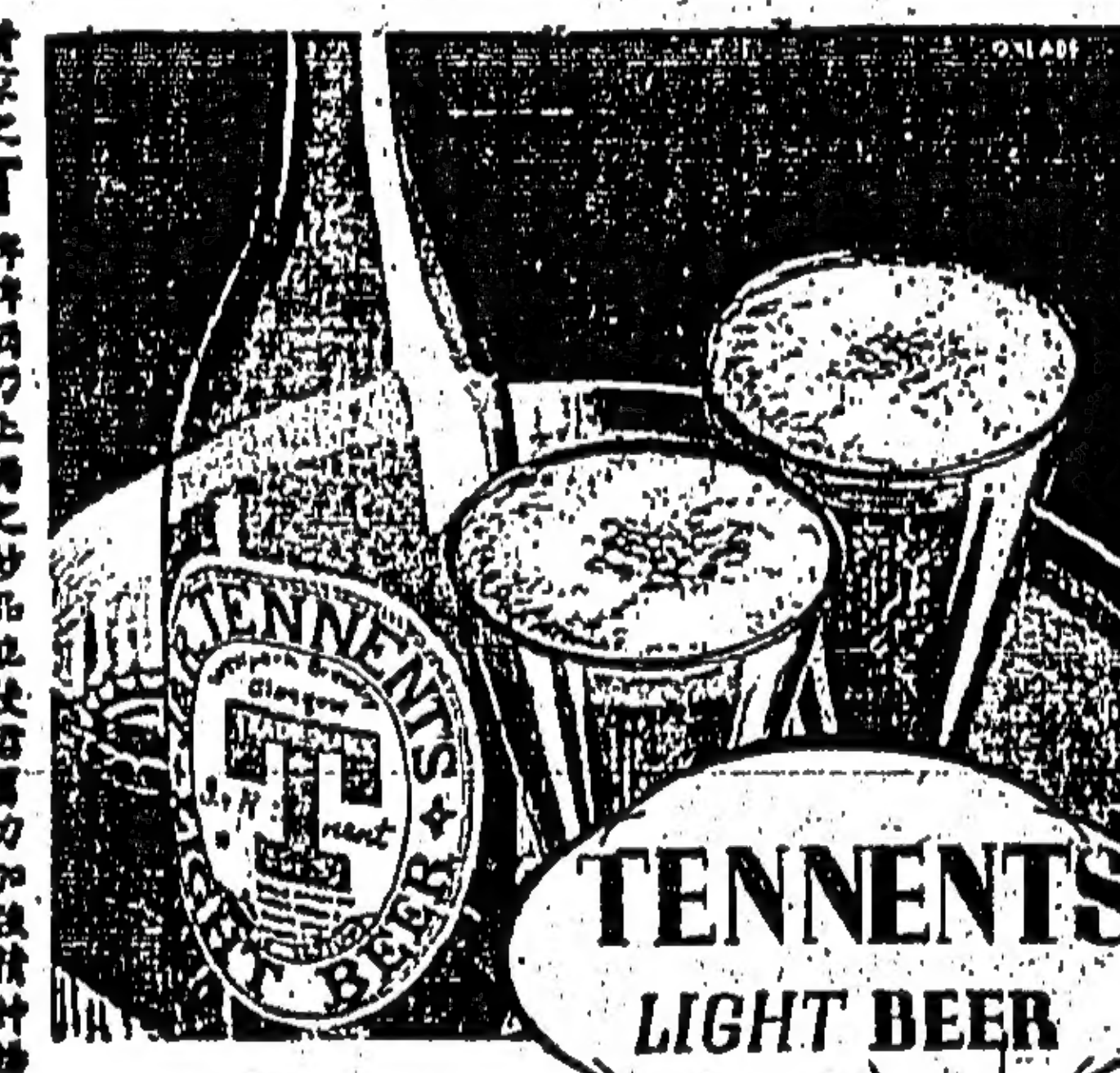
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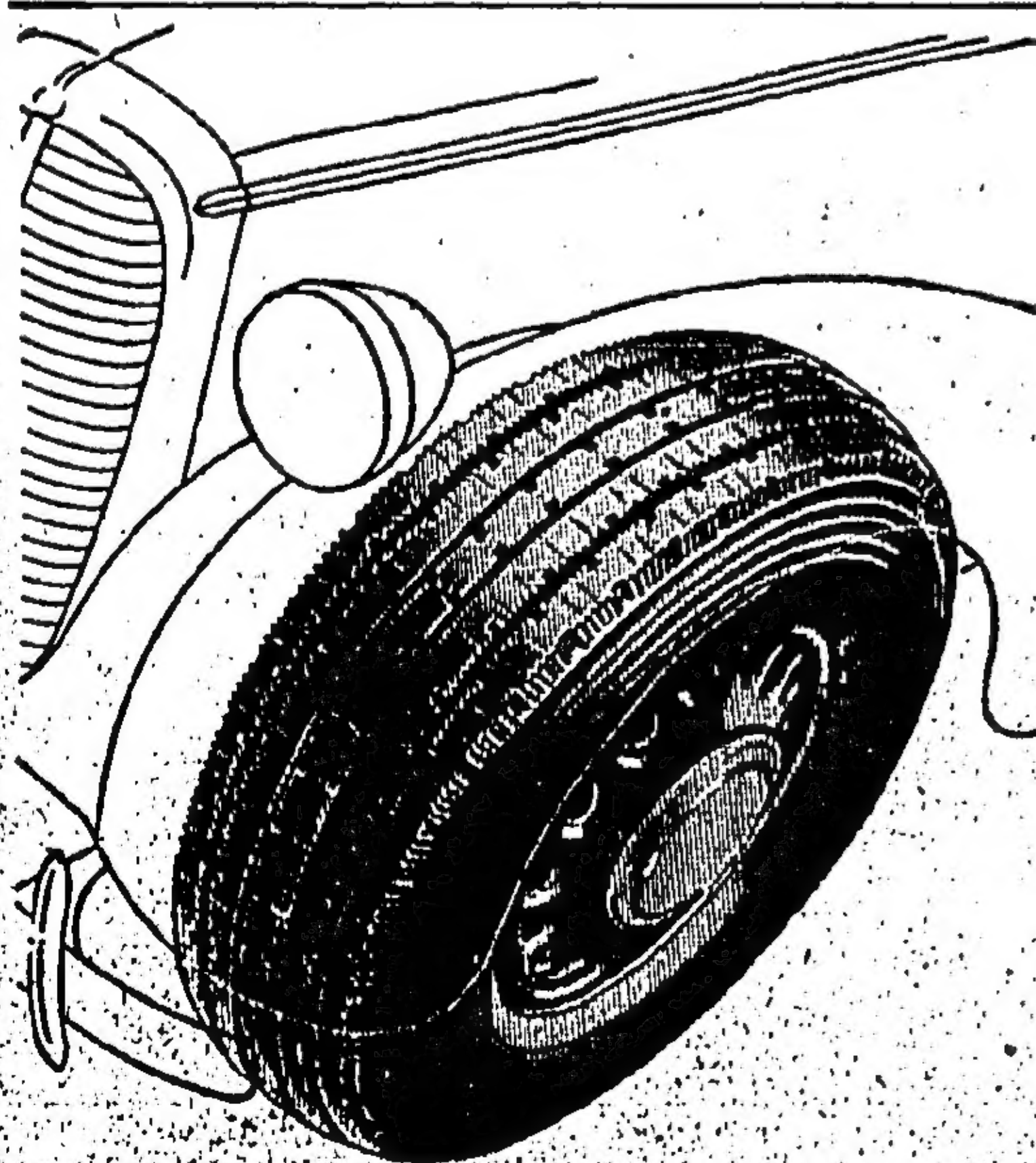
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## BAO DAI TO RETURN TO ANNAM

Paris, February 23.

The French Government, after several years of negotiation, has reached agreement with Bao Dai, ex-Emperor of Annam, and he will go back to Indo-China before the end of March, according to a joint communique issued today by the French Premier's Office and by the Cabinet of the ex-Emperor in Paris.

The agreement will be confirmed by an exchange of letters shortly, it was learned from the Ministry of Overseas Territories. It was reached at a luncheon yesterday given by the ex-Emperor to the French Minister for Overseas Territories, M. Paul Coste Floret, who gave details to the French Cabinet today.

The terms of the agreement, intended to end with a vote of confidence in the French Government, and in particular recording the assent of Parliament to rescinding old French treaty rights in Cochinchina—the "rice-bowl" of Vietnam State.

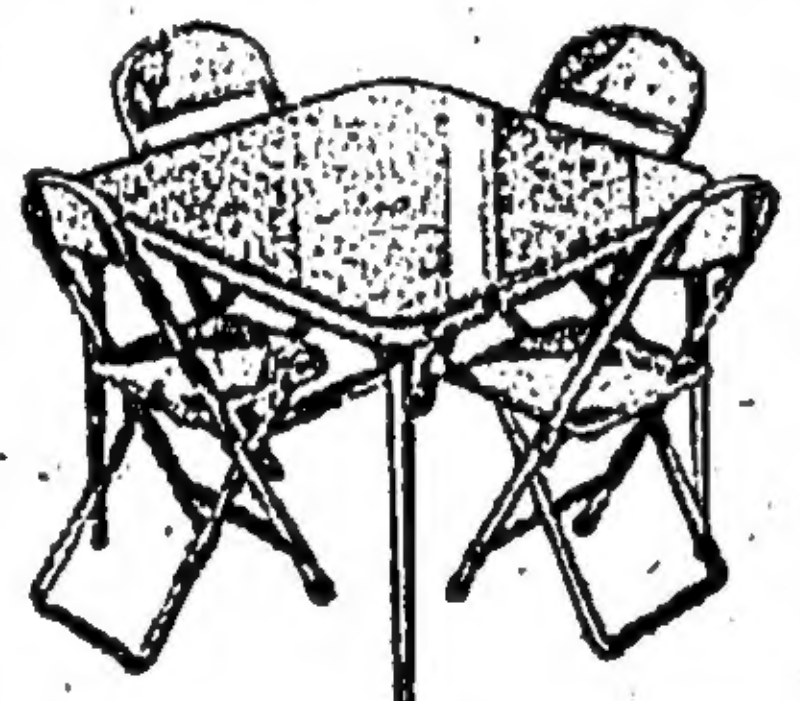
### Wallace Says Atlantic Pact Not Workable

Washington, February 23. Mr. Henry Wallace, Progressive Party presidential candidate last November, predicted before the House of Foreign Affairs Committee today that the proposed North Atlantic Pact would not work and said that the Marshall plan was a failure.

He claimed: "These moves would lead to economic bankruptcy for Western Europe and the United States and invite a war which no nation can win."

Mr. Wallace said that the North Atlantic Pact "made aggressive gestures against the Soviet Union by establishing military bases near her borders."

"Inevitably they will provoke heavy counter-measures," he renewed his suggestion that the Truman administration should bargain with Russia across the conference table as "an honourable, a peaceful and a practical alternative."—Reuter.



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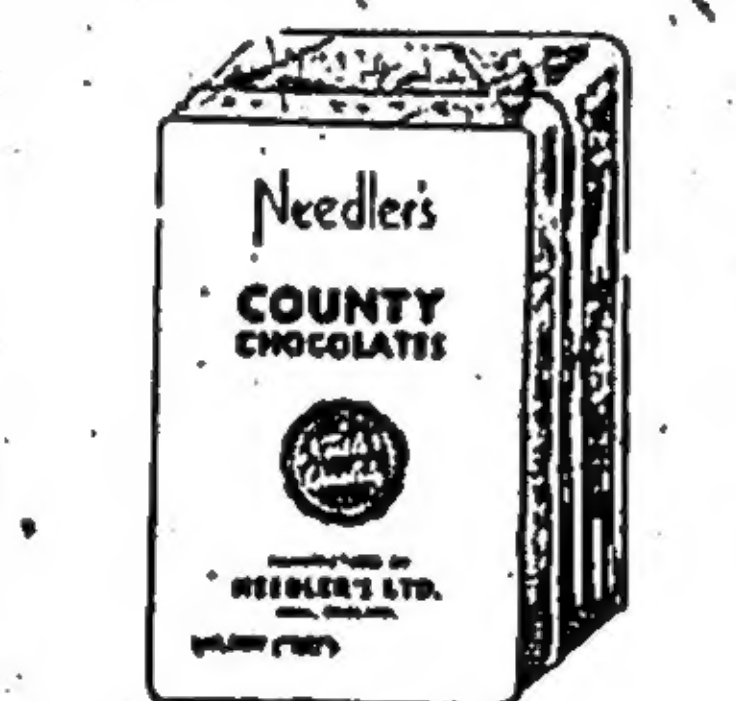
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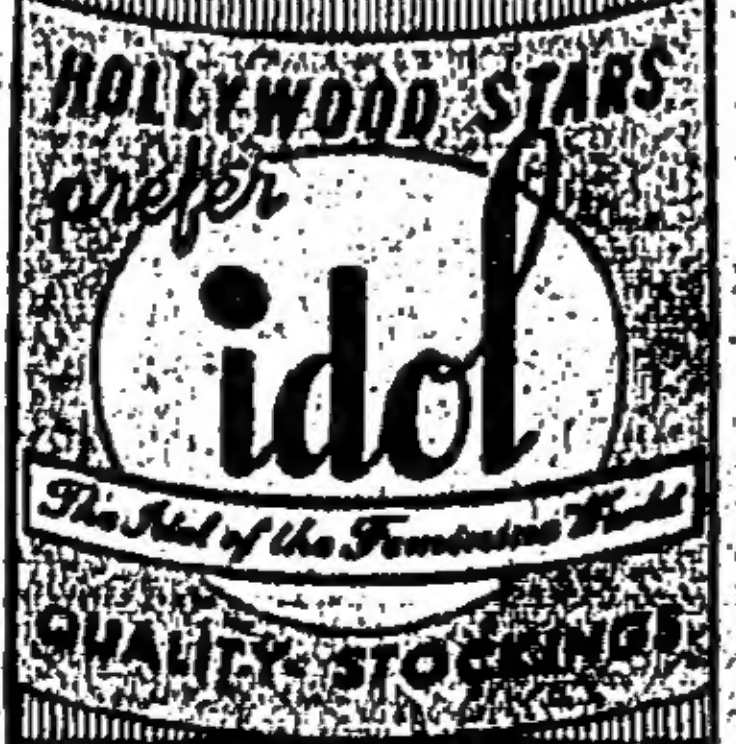
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### U.S. Geologists For Africa

London, February 24. Britain on Wednesday received approval to use Economic Co-operation Administration funds to engage 50 American geologists for research in British territories in Africa.

The British project was formed as a means of maintaining geological survey work despite the shortage of British geologists.

Lack of skilled surveyors because of the curtailment of training courses during the war has hampered valuable surveys in Africa, an ECA announcement, said.—Associated Press.

### Attitude Of Communists In France

Paris, February 23. The National Assembly will challenge the Communist leader, M. Maurice Thorez, to justify in Parliament tomorrow afternoon his statement on the French Communist attitude in the event of war.

Mr. Thorez said yesterday that if the Soviet Army came to France in pursuit of an aggressor, the workers would behave towards it as the peoples of Poland and Rumania had done.

The Government today agreed to a debate on the statement being held tomorrow as a matter of urgency. The Foreign Affairs Commission declared in a resolution that the Assembly must decide whether a deputy could "thus put himself at the service of the policy of a foreign power."

Mr. Paul Ramadier, the Defence Minister, has written to the Premier, M. Henri Queuille, saying he has "taken note" of M. Thorez' statement.—Reuter.

### FRENCH ATTITUDE ON BERLIN ISSUE

Paris, February 23. The French Government cannot support the recommendations of the Security Council "Committee of Neutralists" for a settlement of the Berlin question, a spokesman of the French Foreign Office announced today.—Reuter.

## U.S. Approves Bill For Alien Supporters

Washington, February 23.

The House of Representatives Armed Services Committee today unanimously approved a bill to allow the United States to care for aliens who help American spies abroad. The measure will grant residence in the United States every year to 100 persons who had given valuable information to United States control intelligence in foreign countries.

"This is just plain spying no matter what you call it and you have to be able to offer your spies something," said the Committee chairman, Representative Carl Vinson, Democrat of Georgia. "This bill would let our agents bring aliens into this country for their protection."

The bill would waive all admissibility laws for people considered eligible by the Central Intelligence Agency for sanctuary in the United States. They would be granted permanent residence, and could apply for citizenship.

### Lifting Of Ban

Among other restrictions, the bill would waive any ban on persons who are or have been Communists and on those having certain diseases. Intelligence officials of the Agency were quoted as saying that the aim of the bill was to attract "renegade" Communists who might have "important information" about countries and Governments behind the "Iron Curtain."

Persons admitted under the bill would be subject to the deportation laws. Committee members were assured that these laws would catch any foreign agents who tried to slip into the country under the guise of giving information.—Reuter.

### TRUMAN'S VACATION

Washington, February 23. It is announced that President Truman will leave for Key West, Florida, on March 6 for a fortnight's holiday. He will return to Washington on March 19.—Reuter.

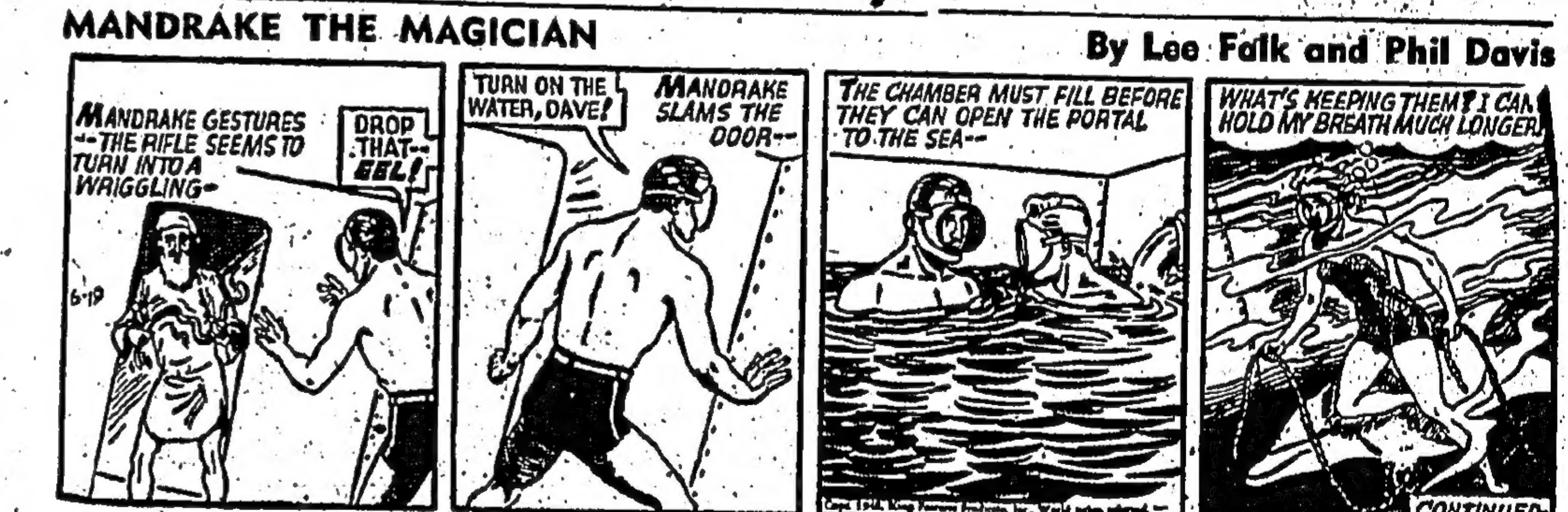
### Plans Of Reds In Japan Upset

New York, February 23. Two directives, issued by General Douglas MacArthur, the Supreme Allied Commander in the Pacific, last year upset Japanese Communist plans to stage a revolution and seize the Government, the New York Times correspondent in Tokyo said today.

The correspondent said that documents made available to him showed that the Communists expected their projected general strike of last August to turn into an armed revolt by October and result in the formation of a "Communist People's Government" by February this year. The Communists believed their revolution would be synchronised with similar revolts throughout the non-Communist world, the correspondent declared.

The documents show, he said, that General MacArthur's order of July 18 forbidding strikes by Government workers destroyed the Communists' carefully plotted scheme to take control of the Government-owned communications network and railway, a "patrol skirmish for the October revolution."

The correspondent said General MacArthur's November announcement that a minority group would not be permitted to interfere with economic recovery apparently upset the Communists' time-table.—Reuter.







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## FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF MALAYAN LEGISLATURE

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### Evidence At Libel Hearing

Paris, February 23.  
 Today's session of the Kravchenko libel case hearings began with the evidence of Andrei Leded, an engineer who told the court that railways in the Soviet Union had their own legal system complete with State prosecutors.

Judges and courts for dealing with railway offences.  
 Maitre Joe Nordmann, for the defence, said this was a continuation of a system in operation in Tsarist times. Maitre Georges Izard, for Kravchenko, "I never knew that under the Tsar there was an NKVR (political police)."

Leded said that after being tortured he had been condemned to death for counter-revolutionary activity. He was freed by the highest court of appeal.  
 During examination, Maitre Izard repeated accusations he made yesterday that the defence had betrayed the name of the witness, Antonov, to the Soviet authorities (Antonov was one of three men the Soviet Government asked the French Government to hand over for trial as war criminals).

One of the defendants, Andrei Wurmer, leaped to his feet and shouted "I will tell you just what happened. I discussed the names of your witnesses with the Soviet witnesses." Maitre Izard: "Exactly. You are a police informer."  
 This started another storm. In a gap in the babel, Judge Durkheim was heard to say: "I am sorry for the record writers." This restored quiet. Shorthand writers, now approaching the 750,000-word mark in this lengthy trial, smiled.

The tension eased when Pascal Chitrelli gave evidence. Gesticulating with real Southern exuberance, he said he was "a disciple of Lenin and Trotsky." He added that he had aided the Spanish Republicans during the civil war. At the end of the world war he was engaged as an interpreter for a Soviet repatriation camp at Aix En Provence because he was "the only man in the Marseilles region who could interpret Russian."

### Everything True

He said all the 100 Russian soldiers in the camp asked if he could stay in France. He asked them why. They told him that everything in Kravchenko's book was true: "I knew it all before I read the book," witness said.  
 Asked about the work of political commissars in the Soviet Army, he said: "If you say anything against them off you go to Siberia and you do not come back."  
 During the short afternoon interval, Kravchenko, who usually spends this time autographing a daily average of 250 copies of "Chose Freedom," was today kept autographing slips of paper and court passes handed to him from young women admirers in the well of the court.

He thought he had signed about 400 before his lawyers asked the police stop the flow.  
 A fifth language was heard in the court today when a German interpreter was sworn in for a witness, Margarethe Buber-Neumann. This witness was introduced by Kravchenko's lawyers as "the wife, perhaps the widow" of Hans Neumann, former member of the Political Bureau of the

What is perhaps the most unusual and cosmopolitan Legislature in the world—The Federal Legislative Council of Malaya—reached its first birthday with high hopes for a long life.

This organization has no political parties; the majority of its membership of 75 is unofficial, none of the members is elected.

Its members include Malays, Chinese, Indians, Europeans, Ceylonese and Prussians, in fact, all of those residents of the Malay Federation who carry the all-inclusive name of Malaysians.

The Council, which was formed in February, 1948, has held its meetings in a large panelled upstairs chamber of what once was the mess hall of the volunteer forces of the Federal Malay States.

There are three blocs of members. First ex-officio members. They include the president of the council who is Sir Henry Gurney, the British high commissioner for Malaya; the attorney general and financial secretary. They sit on either side of the president. In addition, there are 11 official members, all personal appointments of the high commissioner and all officials of various departments of the government.

Second: a bloc of members from the Malay States and Settlements, 11 in all. These include the prime ministers (Men-tri Besar) of the nine Malay States, ex-officio, and two representatives elected by the settlement councils of the Penang and Malacca. Just to make the situation a bit more confusing, the Menteri Besar are not considered either official or unofficial. Third; the largest bloc of 50 members, all unofficial. They are selected to represent such racial groups as follows: 22 Malays, 14 Chinese, 7 Europeans, 5 Indians, one Eurasian and one Ceylonese.

Unofficial members are nominated by various trade unions, commercial organizations, professional, planting, mining, agricultural and education elements in Malayan life.

Aim of the legislative council is to work toward eventual self-government of Malaya as agreed upon between the King of England and the nine-Malay rulers.  
 The council is self-governing with the important exceptions of defense and foreign matters.  
 An outstanding example of the council's powers is the standing committee on finance, consisting of the financial secretary and 6 Malays, 3 Chinese, 2 Europeans and one Indian. It meets every fortnight and approves all government spending, including supplementary expenditures.

Other important committees are those appointed to consider establishment of a University of Malaya, a war damage commission the standing rules and order of the house and the privileges and powers of members.

Federal councillors serve voluntarily and without pay. They do, however, have certain free privileges while on council business. These are mailing and telephoning, railway passage and motor car registration. They also receive travelling expenses and car allowances; have priority of accommodations and exemption from customs examinations.

### Informal Session

A parliament session is informal and rather simple. Most of the members wear European dress, but nearly all of the 34 Malays appear in their bright baju (shirts) and sarongs. There are microphones and amplifiers so all can hear without difficulty.  
 A great number of the members are lawyers, including Mrs. R. H. Poon, a Chinese attorney from Penang. The other women member is Che Puteh Mariah Binti Ibrahim Rashid, a Malay. The spirit and hope of the parliament was best expressed by the late Dr. Ong Chong Keng, member from Penang who was slain by Chinese surges in August. He said:  
 "We may be Chinese, Indian or Malays by race, but let us not forget that we are above all Citizens of the Federation. Let us always remember that we are now one people, in our resolve to make Malaya our permanent home, in our determination to work together for the welfare of this country and in our united loyalty and devotion to the Federation of Malaya—Associated Press.

### Settlement In Masbate Case

A settlement was reached at the Portuguese Consulate yesterday when survivors and dependents of the ss. Masbate and Jobahun Shipping Corporation, agents for the owners, accepted a suggestion from Dr. Eduardo Brazao for compensation.  
 The owners agreed to pay \$400 compensation to a survivor and \$1,200 to a missing member. The Chinese Seamen Union, acting on behalf of the 21 survivors and dependents of the 23 missing, accepted.

### Belgium To Contract Loan

Brussels, February 23.  
 Belgium's Finance Minister has been authorized to contract US\$16,000,000 loan with the International Bank for Reconstruction and Economic Development.  
 The loan, which will be used to finance Belgium's economic re-equipment, will be repayable in half-yearly payments of US\$500,000, the first repayment to be made on September 1, 1953.

Interest, not exceeding 4.25 per cent will also be paid half-yearly. Bonds will be issued at the maximum price of US\$1,000 each. Capital and interest on bonds will not be subject to tax in Belgium throughout the period of the loan.—Reuter.

### Shipping Receipts

London, February 23.  
 Britain's shipping receipts for 1948 should exceed payments by more than £60 million—three times the 1948 figure—the Transport Minister, Mr. Alfred Barnes, announced here today.

"It is fully anticipated that this upward trend will be maintained in 1949," he added. He told guests at a luncheon on board the 18,000-ton Royal Mail liner, Magdalena, due to start her maiden voyage to South America next Saturday, that Britain's merchant fleet totalled 12,700,000 tons, only 1,000,000 tons less than the pre-war figure.—Reuter.

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TJIBADAK from Macassar & Javaports 3rd March	to Shanghai 5th March
TJISADANE from Macassar & Javaports 17th March	to Javaports & Macassar 17th March

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"MELISKERK" from Europe mid March	to Europe via Manila & Straits mid March
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m.v. "BENARES"	End Apr.

## SAILING FOR U.S. ATLANTIC COAST VIA LOS ANGELES

m.v. "BENGAL"	5th Mar.
s.s. "DONA AURORA"	15th Apr.
m.v. "BENARES"	End Apr.

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## FINANCE AND COMMERCE

## London Stock Exchange

London, February 23.  
The Stock Exchange has again become politically conscious. Dealers await the result of the important by-election in the London area and were reluctant to enter into fresh commitments today.

The election result is expected on Friday next, and a win for the opposition would create firm conditions in most sections of the market.

Government stocks received small institutional support for medium dated issues and reaction at gains resulted. Business in other sections was insufficient to create a definite trend. Some of the leading industrialists were wanted in early dealings but most of gains thus recorded were lost.

The oil market was steady but idle after initial irregularity. Small sellers depressed Burnmah Oil by 1/32.  
Poor figures for 1940 from one of the shipping companies lowered share prices in the section by a few pence.

In the foreign rail section, profit taking reduced Manila issues. Brazil were mainly easier but great Westerns were firm.

South African mining was quietly irregular.

The South African gold index eased to 75.7.—Reuter.

RECEIPTS:  
British Consols, 2 1/2, 8 1/4  
Conversion Loan, 2 1/2, 1951 and 1952-1953  
Funding Loan, 5 1/2, 1950-51 11 1/4  
War Loan, 5 1/2, 1952 10 1/4  
War Loan, 5 1/2, 1953 10 1/4  
Victory Bonds, 4 1/2, 11 1/4

RAILWAY SHARES:  
British Transport, 3 1/2, 10 1/2-10 3/4

INDUSTRIALS:  
British American Tobacco (of G.B. & Ireland) 4 1/2-4 3/4  
Imperial Chemical Industries, ord. 16 1/4-16 1/2  
Imperial Tobacco Co. (of G.B. & Ireland) 6

TEA SHARES:  
Assam Consolidated Tea 20 1/2  
Assam Frontier Tea 10 1/4  
Assam Tea Company 22 1/2  
Siam Tea Company 24 1/2  
Emp. of India & Ceylon Tea Co. 16 1/2  
Imperial Tea Company 24 1/2

MINE SHARES:  
Barrick Gold 5 1/2-5 3/4  
Crown Mines 3 1/2-3 3/4  
Nasdaq Mines 10 1/4  
Rand Mines 4 1/2  
Spring Mines 2 1/2-2 3/4  
Sub. Nigela 2 1/2-2 3/4  
Tavoy Tin Co. 1 1/2-1 1/4  
Union Corporation 20 1/2

OIL SHARES:  
Royal Dutch, 23 1/2  
Shell Transport & Trading Co. 3 1/2-3 3/4  
Vopak Petroleum Oil Concessions ord. 14 1/4-14 1/2

SHIPPING:  
P. & O. Steam Navigation Co. ord. 21 1/2-21 3/4  
Indian General Navigation & Ry., ord. 14 1/2-14 3/4

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